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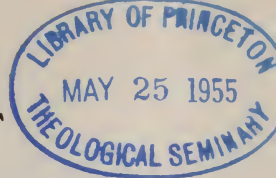




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WE wish all our readers a Happy New Year! Happy in home life, in church life, and especially in a life of service for our Lord Jesus Christ. For our auxiliaries, senior and junior, and our mission circles, we wish a year of definite progress in numbers, in intelligence, in gifts; for each leader and member, the wisdom, zeal, and consecration needed to bring each society to its highest efficiency. For the Christian women who have no part in this particular work for their Lord, we wish the untold blessing that has come to so many from their connection with it. For one and all we wish that new, deep consecration that brings its own unspeakable reward.

“Another year is dawning!

Dear Master, let it be  
In working and in waiting  
Another year with thee.

“Another year of service,  
Of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training  
For holier work above.

“Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise;  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days.

THE topic for auxiliary meetings in February is “Thirty Years in India; the Work of Mrs. S. B. Capron.” Mrs. Capron laid broad foundations in three departments of work in the Madura Mission.—Educational, Evangelistic, and Medical. For that reason we give our space largely to these

three kinds of work in that mission. A recent development in Bible women's work in India, has been the establishment of training schools for these women in buildings erected especially for the purpose. We give the plans and purposes of the one in Ahmednagar, which is under the care of our Board. There is a similar one already started in Madura, which is supported by the Board of the Interior.

Many of the friends of Miss Maria A. West, so long a missionary in Turkey, who have mourned her death, which occurred some months ago, will be glad to know of her last days. The following particulars have been recently received:—

MISS WEST left her home at Winter Park, Fla., more than a year and a half ago, and went to England. She spent the winter at Cannes, in the south of France. Last February she was obliged to submit to an operation for the removal of a tumor from her mouth; this to save her life. The operation involved the cutting off of the entire right upper jaw, and was very successfully performed under direction of Dr. McDougall and several assistants. For a time she seemed to be doing well, and sailed from Marseilles for London, where she expected to have a plate inserted to take the place of the part removed, and so be able to use her voice again in private and public address. The sea voyage, and the colder, damper air of London, acted unfavorably upon her, and she began to decline. She never fairly recovered from the operation, and probably her whole system was affected by the state of her blood before it was performed.

Miss West died in the Deaconess' Home, in Mildmay, London. The superintendent writes of her: "I felt it to be a great privilege to minister to her; and I had the great happiness of knowing that she was quite happy and contented with us. She had two nurses and a most kind and attentive doctor, to whom she was much attached. . . . To show her love she would stroke my cheeks, and as I bent over her, I said, 'Do you know me, dear?' She tried to raise her feeble hands to give me the old caress. I then said: 'And do you not long to see the dear Lord Jesus? You are almost at the golden gates; do you not long for his welcome?' Her emphatic 'I do,' were her last words. Her sufferings were very great, and when the last breath had been drawn I only felt the greatest thankfulness to know that she was at rest. She lies in Aubery Park Cemetery, close to a dear old Mildmay deaconess recently called home."

While it seems sad that she should die so far away from home, and among people comparatively strangers, it is comforting to know that every care and attention that Christian kindness could furnish was bestowed upon her. She had been longing for rest, and has gone to enjoy it. "She hath done what she could."

Now we open our Calendar for 1895 with much anticipation and pleasure. Those who have not already purchased one will wish to do so at once. Many testimonies show that they have been a blessing in many homes the last few years. The friends to whom we have given them will greatly miss them if they are not continued. There are others to whom they would prove a delightful New Year's remembrance. Let the orders come in promptly.

It is with great gratitude that we report an increase of \$2,015.45 in contributions for the month ending November 18, over the corresponding month for 1893. There was a falling off of \$1,850 in legacies for the same time, which makes the total figures from January 1 to Nov. 18, \$724.58 less than last year. In the time between November 18 and Dec. 31, last year, the total receipts were \$23,751.03. Contributions will be gratefully received even to the eleventh hour of the twelfth month. This magazine will reach our readers very near the beautiful Christmas time. In our many remembrances of those we love, let us not forget those whom our Lord loves over the seas. We believe that the "inasmuch" is never applied with stronger, sweeter meaning than to those whose deepest woes and dreadful degradation come from an ignorance that can be removed by women in Christian lands alone.

WE bespeak the earnest prayers of God's people for those living in the region of the Armenian massacre. It seems that last summer some Armenians who had been robbed of their flocks, made an attempt to recover their property, and in the struggle some Koords, enrolled as Turkish soldiers, were killed. In the reports given this was magnified into an insurrection; troops were sent to restore order, and an indiscriminate slaughter of men, women, and children followed. Our missionaries, while loyal to the government under which they work, will be taxed to the utmost to relieve suffering, and their work will suffer. Surely they and our native friends in distress need our prayers.

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## INDIA.

### THE MADURA GIRLS' NORMAL SCHOOL.

BY BESSIE B. NOYES.

AT the eastern end of the Madura Mission Compound, beyond the dispensary and the missionaries' houses, and as far as possible from the street, stands Otis Hall, the main building of the Girls' Normal School. It is a long, one-storied structure, with a fine veranda shaded by luxuriant flowering creepers, whose white and crimson blossoms, as well as the hanging acid

fruit of the graceful tamarind tree in front, are a constant temptation to the gayly clad, brown-skinned little children who come here daily to school. They do not enter Otis Hall, which is reserved for the higher classes, but go through a door in the high wall beyond into the pleasant schoolyard, beautified by great shade trees and towering cocoanut palms, but rendered unhealthful by a sluggish, noisome stream on its outer boundary, which serves as a channel to carry water from the Vaiga River to the rice fields near by.

As this is a training school for teachers, we must also have a practicing school, in which the normal students may teach, so that here are all classes, from the Tamil kindergarten to the English High School. Nearly all the little children in the primary department are day scholars, who are gathered in from the streets around us by a woman sent out for the purpose. Some of them are like little Arabs when they first come, with their unkempt hair, and more jewels than clothing. They soon learn to love their young teachers; and it is delightful to see them grow gentler in manners and neater in dress from day to day. These lower classes are held in the dormitory and on the verandas, and even under the old tulip trees close by. After morning prayers the first hour is given to the Bible lessons. The little ones repeat the catechism and whole chapters of verses, and enjoy telling the Bible stories they are taught, enlivening them with much local coloring, and many appropriate oriental gestures.

The education of girls in English is coming to be more and more demanded, both by the girls themselves and their parents. To meet this demand, and the need for women teachers, whose knowledge of English will enable them to read good books, and thus widen their range of vision in all subjects, as well as to teach English themselves, English is taught in all the classes, and we have started an English High School for girls. This has recently been recognized by Government as one from which girls will be admitted to the matriculation examination of the Madras University.

There are now nearly two hundred pupils on the rolls, one hundred and twenty-five of whom are boarders. The girls in the boarding department come from the surrounding villages, and from our outstation boarding schools. After they pass the fourth or fifth grade they are sent to us to continue their studies, and afterwards, perhaps, to be trained as teachers. The school is primarily one for daughters of Christian parents, since we want all such to be refined, earnest Christian women, who can carry light and knowledge to their sisters who "sit in darkness." Yet occasionally we receive heathen girls, some of whose relatives have become Christians, or who are the affianced brides of educated young men who have been converted to



Christianity, and wish their wives to be educated as Christian women. It is very touching to watch these large girls sit humbly on the floor with the little children, trying to learn to sew, and read, and cipher, and to see how eager they are to improve in their dress and manners. True, they are generally dull, and do not take naturally to book-learning; but they soon learn of Jesus, and if they are better wives and mothers for the few months spent with us, we cannot think the effort in vain. They especially enjoy learning to sing our Christian hymns, for the Tamil people are very fond of music, though their voices are often harsh.

The religious atmosphere of the school is very marked. Several of the girls have united with the church this year, six of them at the last communion service. I have never known a graduate who was not a Christian. The girls hold so many meetings among themselves that we have felt it necessary to make a quiet effort to lessen the number. We want them to do everything for Jesus, and to serve him by faithfulness in daily duties as well as in religious services. When girls do wrong, the surest way to convince them of their error is to show them how they have grieved the Lord Jesus. I shall never forget how one girl taught me never to be discouraged in prayer. She was very hot tempered, and in a quarrel with a fellow-pupil had used vile language. This was the third or fourth offense, and she seemed so hardened and indifferent to all I could say, that after telling her that a repetition of this fault would necessitate her leaving school, I dismissed her without the usual word of prayer. She burst into tears, saying, "Oh! why don't you pray with me?" From that time she was a changed girl, and is now one of the most earnest Christians in the school.

The graduates of the school are scattered far and wide. There are now many schools for girls throughout our district,—boarding schools, Hindu girls' schools in the city and large towns, and little day schools in the villages,—to which our girls are sent as teachers. Even in the Government schools, and in the non-Christian schools established by native princes, their services are eagerly sought, and applications for teachers have come from almost every part of the Madras Presidency. As we go to our various Mission stations, we find Madura girls everywhere. Some are teachers, some are Bible women, some are the wives of the pastors of our churches, or of the teachers and catechists, who are working in lonely villages. Often they are the only educated women in the place, and help their husbands in the little school, or go from house to house telling the women of Jesus, and showing them how to keep themselves neat and take care of their houses and their families. Whenever our graduates come to Madura they visit us, and tell us their memories of the past: of the time

when dear Mrs. Rendall used to bring her baby and talk to them as they sat on the ground about her, and ate their dinner of rice and curry; of the precious words Mrs. Capron used to speak to them during the time she had charge of the school; of the growth of the school from the time of Miss Ashley and her successors to the present. These women are the precious fruits which testify to the value of the work our school is doing for the Madura girls; and who can measure the results of the life of each in her own sphere, and of the influence which an earnest, educated, refined Christian woman must have upon the darkened, hopeless lives of the poor, degraded heathen women about her?

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## THE BIBLE WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL IN AHMEDNAGAR.

BY MRS. JAMES SMITH.

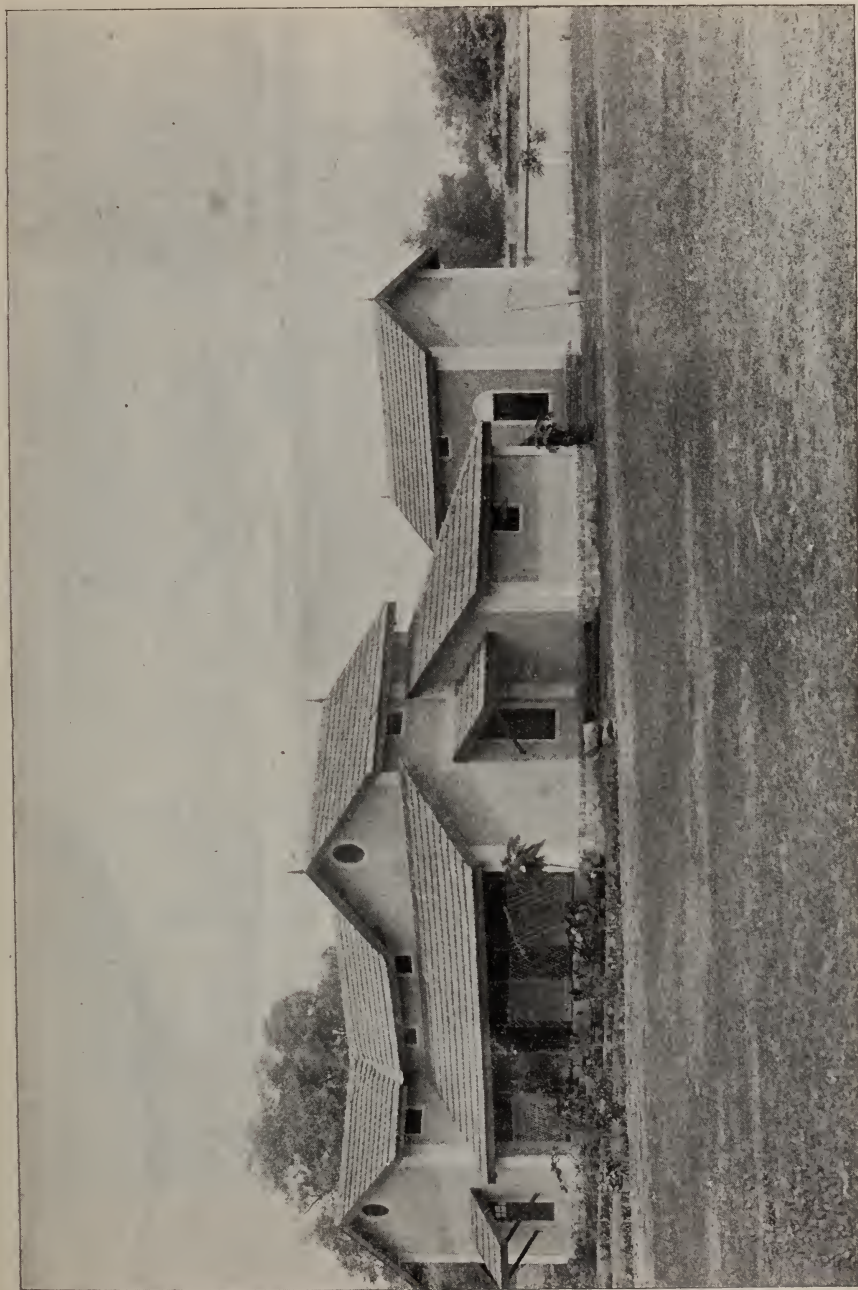
IN May, 1892, at the suggestion of Dr. Clark, the mission decided to establish a training school for Bible women, for more advanced study of the Bible, the evidences of Christianity, and kindred subjects. A committee was also appointed to select a suitable site, prepare plans for a new building, and draw up a course of study for the first class. In October following, the committee presented their plan of the building, as shown in the accompanying cut, and reported that a convenient and suitable site had been offered by the cantonment committee at a nominal price,—Rs. 500. A course of study was suggested, viz.: (1) Bible study, beginning with Luke's Gospel, followed by the Acts; a selected portion from the Old Testament, to be prepared each term in addition to the New Testament work. (2) Murray Mitchell's Evidences of Christianity (for those who understand English). (3) Manual of Hinduism, Part II. (4) Theory and Practice of Teaching.

The first class was formed on the 1st of November, 1892. There were nine women in all, of whom two understood English. Two more women joined the class later in the year.

As soon as our plans and estimates were approved, the work of putting up the new building was proceeded with and was completed, and the building opened in July, 1893.

In the second year, which we are now completing, sixteen women entered the class, all but one of whom appear in the accompanying photograph. Of these, four take the course in Scripture and theory and practice of teaching only. The rest take the full course.

Besides their daily instruction in the training school, all visit at least two heathen homes daily in the city. The homes visited are those of all classes, from the lowest to the highest. As far as possible those taught are grouped,



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PUPILS IN THE BIBLE-WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL, AHMEDNAGAR.

so that a visit to one house in many cases serves for the instruction of several neighboring families. Some of the women have such centers, which they visit daily for months together; other such centers are visited once or twice a week. The family group shown with Miss Stockbridge,\* for example, is taught in the house of the city magistrate, the highest native official in the city, twice a week.

The women are doing good work in the training class and in the homes. We find that they are more regular and systematic than at first. This is owing in some measure to the improved facilities for the supervision of their work. Oral and written examinations are held monthly in all the subjects.

When the school was opened we were promised a lady from home specially fitted for this work. It is a work demanding the undivided attention of one capable worker. We knew, of course, that such a worker from home could not take charge of the school without a knowledge of Marathi, to acquire which would require some time; and on this account, at the request of the mission, I consented to begin the work and carry it on till such time as the lady appointed was ready to take it up. Two years have gone by, and no one has been appointed. I have done the best I could with the help of Christian teachers, but my home cares and my children demand part of my time; and I have in addition my work in the heathen homes, which I began before the training school was organized, and which I do not wish to abandon. I feel very strongly that there should be some one at the head of this school who has no other care or work. The instruction of the class and the supervision of the work of the Bible women is quite enough for one person to look after, and if the work does not receive this undivided attention it must suffer in consequence.

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### SOME MADURA BIBLE WOMEN.

Miss Swift, of Madura, sends items with reference to individual Bible women under her care, of which we give specimens:—

Among the patient toilers here is Antoniammal. Both Antoniammal and her mother, Paripuram, are working in the same cause. Antoniammal's house is on the opposite side of the city, in the West Gate. She daily walks the mile and a half to the East Gate to attend our first Bible lesson in the Bible Woman's Training Institute, and after that she walks out of the city four miles to the villages where she has her pupils. It is wonderful to see that these village women, who are almost all laboring, working from morning till night, can be induced to learn to read. How few women in America would take a book and study it over the wash-tub, or kitchen stove, or in the

\* See Frontispiece.



BIBLE WOMEN IN MADURA AND VICINITY.



fields reaping grain. Antoniammal has about thirty such pupils, whom she has persuaded to read, and in order to teach them she must follow them up about their work. She has to work hard and walk far. All the work of reading is preparatory to reading the Bible, and during the time these women are learning to read, the Bible women have opportunities to speak to them of Christ, and so we find this method of holding the women an excellent one. Teaching them of Christ while they learn to read his Word, and then putting the Word into their hands, so that they can learn for themselves—such is the simple work Antoniammal has to do. But while doing it she is called upon to combat prejudice and ignorance, and she sees the people about her ridiculing the women who are willing to try to learn, so it requires great faith and patient endurance to work on day after day. Surely we know that His word will not return unto him void, however it may appear to us, so we can well afford to wait the revelation of his will and time as we work together with him.

When Martha was in a state of depression that might have blighted her life, she was helped out of herself by being sent out to help others. . . . She was in a weaver's house one day, where the people received her somewhat brusquely, and did not make her feel at home. She remained talking to them, and after a while she noticed that a wall near which the men were weaving appeared to be almost ready to fall. She begged them to take their work away, but they only laughed, and refused to heed her. "What does a Bible woman know about walls?" The next day she returned, and besought them not to work next the wall. She was so kind and so insistent that they finally removed their work to please her. They had hardly done so when the wall fell. The whole household was thoroughly startled, and began to say that Martha must be a prophetess, and now she meets with a kind reception all along that street. So the Lord opens hearts and houses by his providences, and the workers go on in the assurance that the Word sown will, after a time, be reaped in the rich harvest time.

Harriet is a woman past middle life, who has been engaged for many years in the work in Madura. She had a sad history. Her husband was not an unkind man, but when Harriet's child died and no other child came to take its place, her sister-in-law so worked upon the husband's mind as to bring about a separation. . . . We have lost many of our pupils from cholera the past year. Two of Harriet's pupils died very suddenly, but before they died they gave beautiful testimony to their faith in Christ. Harriet's anxiety for "her dear souls," as she calls them, is beautiful, and I have known her to go out to her work when she was not well enough to do so. I told her the other day that it was really necessary for even God's children to live upon

something besides meditation and prayer. Harriet says, and I believe sincerely, "All I want of this world is enough rice to keep me alive and a good burial when I must go, but my work is my real life."

Annal lives in a tiny mud house in my own yard, and goes out every morning on a tiny, springless bullock cart to her villages along the Melur Road—famous for its highway robbers—to a distance of eight miles. I could not send her to such a distance alone, so I provide a companion for her—Mariammal. Their little cart looks like a shaker bonnet on two wheels. Their bullock is about as large as a yearling calf, and a boy goes along to drive the stubborn little animal. A rope run through the small creature's nostrils, after the way of the country, is the substitute for reins. All this outfit—cart, bullock, boy, and helper—makes Annal's far more expensive than the others. Many of her pupils are field laborers, and she often follows them out to the fields. She not infrequently comes at night with her throat worn out, and so hoarse she cannot speak above a whisper, from overuse of her voice. Some time ago a man stood listening while she and her companion were talking to the women. The man followed them about until they began to feel a little timid. They finally spoke to him, and asked him to go away, as they had come to talk to the women. He then told them that he had heard them in three other villages, and wished to become a Christian. His wife was violently opposed to it, and he had been waiting for her, but now he was coming without her. He was with us in Madura for several weeks, and seemed very firm and earnest. He has now gone to a neighboring place for work, and we trust he will be baptized soon. So God is honoring his work in most unexpected ways. Not a few of the women are believers in Christ, but as long as women are so painfully bound by social custom, we are not surprised that they are so slow to cut loose from every earthly tie to confess their Lord in open baptism. Will you not continue to pray that the day may soon come when they may dare to be Christians openly? And may we not praise God now with the full assurance that whatever the appearances may be, he has, indeed, much people in this place?

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## MEMORIES OF MEDICAL WORK.

BY DR. PAULINE ROOT.

THE medical work for women was started and flourishing in Madura long before I took charge of the dispensary.

Mrs. Capron, through her wonderful interest in and influence over Hindu women, had for years been called upon to help them in their most perplexing



illnesses, and one, at least, of her successful operations was of such peculiar interest as to find a place in a valuable paper presented before the Philadelphia Medical Society. Because of the demand upon her and a natural skill in relieving physical and mental suffering, she gave much thought, and so far as she could, study, to Indian diseases. Thus equipped with spiritual, mental, and physical healing, she gained the favor of all people. Daily there came to the dispensary women and children,—as well as men,—and on Thursdays Mrs. Capron gave the morning to seeing those women from all castes who desired to consult her. I reached Madura on a Wednesday night, and on the first morning in my new home went with Mrs. Capron to the dispensary.

The consulting room was small, the walls of roughened mud plaster, the roof of thatch. As I sat in that room beside Mrs. Capron and watched the forty women who came to consult her, my heart did not at first turn with love to those whom I had especially come to help. Their diseases and their dirty, unkempt condition repelled me. Mrs. Capron repeated to me bits of the talk, and interpreted special spiritual as well as medical hints which she gave to one and another. As I watched face after face light up as the hearts responded to the gentle touch of the hand and the kindly heart-searching words, I received my first lesson for my new work,—a lesson which I never wholly forgot. From that time I began to love my people; they were no longer repulsive, but dear women whose hearts were weary as ours grow weary, and whose bodies ache as ours ache. But ah! much more; women who suffer from hunger of body and hunger of soul; drudges or playthings,—whose minds lie fallow, to whom there is no ambition, no hope, and who move in a cloud of superstition which has more of darkness than our darkest imaginations! Was it strange that almost at once my heart went out to them with love and a tender longing to be used of God to brighten their lives!

That afternoon, riding behind Mrs. Capron's white bullocks, we went to call on a poor sick woman, and found her very ill, lying in an inner room on the hard, damp clay floor. As I knelt beside her to make my examination, I watched my friend eagerly as she talked to the woman and her friends, for my heart was tender that day, and I wanted to know the best way to come near such a woman.

With the night came a call to go to one who before morning was a mother, and I went, accompanied only by Mrs. Capron's faithful helper, Yahammal. I can still see the little room, the smoky, open oil lamp, the strange—to me—people coming and going, the restless sick woman on the floor, the few brass vessels,—apparently the only furniture,—and the children running about or dropping asleep on the floor near my patient. I could feel that all were

cordial toward me, and intensely interested in all that I did, but I could not talk to them or they to me, and so that night of new experiences passed slowly by.

How precious were the days—alas! how soon were they only a memory—when I lived alone with Mrs. Capron. I used sometimes to sit in the big chair in which Mr. Capron sat on the day when he was called home, while about Mrs. Capron, in a circle two or three deep, her Bible women and inquirers would sit, and she would open to them in her marvelous way the Scriptures. I could understand little, but the few words which she now and then interpreted for me put me with them in thought; and—the prayers needed no interpretation. It was inspiration and rest simply to hear the voices of those women as they prayed, so mellow were they, so filled with love and trust. All day, from before six in the morning till darkness came, except for the one hour at noon when she closed her doors, and rested or talked with her God, and the hours when she was in the schools or teaching in the houses, the people were at liberty to come to her; and they came, and went away with better impulses and a picture of the Christ in their hearts. Even when darkness came and we sat in the gloaming, troubled souls would quietly steal up and would pour out their sorrows sitting at her feet, while I, knowing they knew I could not understand, would draw my footstool to her side and sit with my head against her, half wishing that the women would not always come,—so selfish was I in those last days.

One more dear memory: alone at last,—evening prayers,—so simple, so different from any “prayers” I had known! What, do you ask, has all this to do with the medical work?

All this time and under a competent guide I was learning to know the people; it was a training and an unconscious inspiration for the work and for the long, lonely, weary days when, having lost my missionary mother, I had no one with whom I could talk over my perplexities. When I could no longer lean on her strength I turned to Him who was the source of all her power. When one difficult case followed hard upon another, and I could consult with no man, it was something to have learned to throw the burden of such life-sapping responsibility on the ever-ready Burden-bearer—our Lord! When the heart was made sick by vile, anonymous notes, which came regarding myself or my assistants, it was something to have learned that nothing was too mean or too trivial to pour out to that “sure retreat for times of hopeless trouble”—our Father. It was much to have learned to speak plainly of certain evils, to know when to be righteously indignant, when to be tender and forbearing. And so I took up the work (which was such a small part of her great work); and as it was all my work

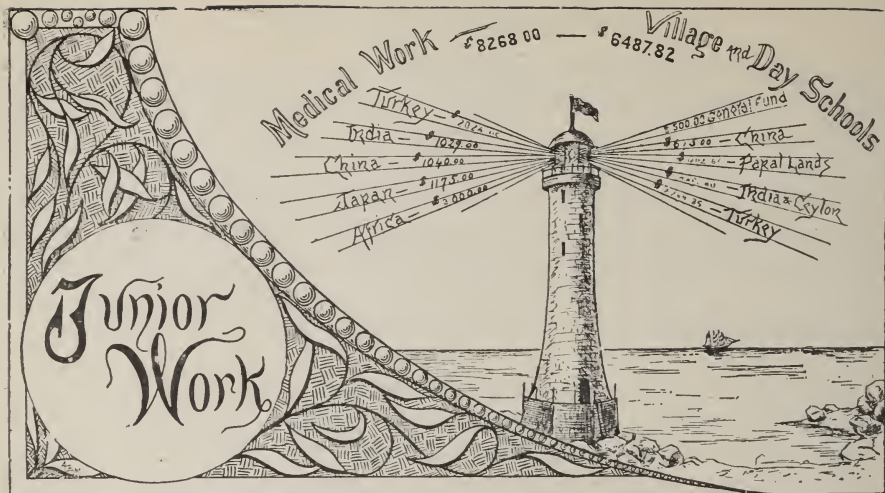
I wanted to do it as unto the Lord Christ. Spiritually, have I helped any? I hope so, and yet not as she did, not as she would have done. Professionally I tried to do my best, and the people came more and more, year by year, and I could see that I had more influence. Changes came into some lives: a few girls went later to their husbands' houses than was the time-honored custom in their families; rooms were built in some houses to accommodate sick women, who before had been sent to the courtyard, street, or field; and the little hospital was patronized by high caste as well as low, and menial tasks and services, which caste make hard to do, were done for love.

We greatly needed, and so began, a new dispensary and hospital for women and young children. Since then, what? Providence detains me in this country, and no other woman has been sent out. A woman in charge, women assistants, and a resident matron who is following Christ,—that is the ideal, but for some reason which we do not see, we are not allowed to see this realized. Instead, a young man, overburdened with his own work, has added to his load the oversight of the woman's hospital and dispensary. He has no time to train women assistants, and no money to employ those who are already trained, and who might make the hospital a power for good in the community which so cordially welcomed it.

From the first I found a warm welcome in the houses, and in many of these I have heard Mrs. Capron spoken of with love. I doubt not that it was largely due to her work in the dispensary, the schools, and the houses, that we who have entered into her labors have been so kindly met. We try to have the Bible teaching carried into all houses where the Doctor works, but are not always able to accomplish it. In the dispensary, however, all hear the gospel daily. Our beloved Annal had daily prayer services and quiet talks in the hospital, and in the touring work, which of all the work I most dearly love, she was invaluable.

Year by year more confidence is shown in English treatment, and advice, even where it offends caste prejudices, is followed more faithfully, even in regard to nourishment, bathing, and hygienic care. Instead of banishment and neglect to those who are seriously ill, companionship and kindly care is often manifested.

So we do not lose heart, but pray the Father that he will, in his own time and way, bless the women of Madura through this branch of the service which is offered to them In His Name.



— To give light to them that sit in darkness Luke 1:77 —

## WHY SHOULD THE KINDERGARTEN WORK IN JAPAN BE EXTENDED?

BY MARY H. SHED.

THAT Japan is far in advance of the other nations of the East we cannot doubt; the war news of the past few months would convince us had we needed a new argument. We look to her to lead Asia onward, upward, Godward. Can she do it?

Several years ago, as we all know, she adopted a public school system of education closely resembling that of the United States. As a part of that system she has in many places kindergartens (so called). Some will ask, Why should the Japan Mission at this time, when the calls upon the Board are so numerous and urgent, with the treasury depleted, the whole country suffering from "hard times," ask for a special grant for kindergarten work in connection with the Mission? Some here at home may feel at times that too much money is spent on educational work, and not enough on what is called the strictly evangelistic work; but those of us who have lived and worked in foreign lands know that the work of the schools is the far-reaching and ever-widening work; that the school must, for the present at least, do more than school and home together are expected to do in Christian lands.

It is the earnest pupil returning to his native village of non-Christians, that makes it possible for an audience to be gathered there by the missionary. It is the pupil who, day by day and week by week, in the boarding school, hears words of prayer and hymns of praise, who hears Christ's teachings and



has them applied to daily conduct, who is the most eager to gather others around her and give them new aspirations. The man converted to Christianity, in middle or later life, is no more likely in any country to do effective work for Christ, than if he had begun twenty or thirty years before. He has the habits of a lifetime to battle against, besides the temptation from without.

We lament that in the public schools even of this Christian land, many harmful things are learned by the children from one another; but think what it would be to send your child into a class at school in which all the other children (and probably the teacher also) come from families where lying is habitual, and where all sorts of immorality are freely discussed and often witnessed. One of our thoughtful girl teachers said to me one day, "We ought to begin earlier in this work of Christian education, the girls who come to our school in their teens have so much bad to unlearn. I wish that we could have them from the beginning."

An evangelist brought his young wife to one of the inland towns. As soon as the women saw that she was educated, they begged her to teach the little ones, saying, "We cannot keep them with us all the time; they are too young even to enter the Government schools, and so they learn only low talk and dirty plays from the other children." She caught eagerly at my offer to lend her a kindergarten guide and a few "Gifts," and with these she did what she could. By keeping those children hours of every day in a pure and sunlit atmosphere, with little tasks and Christian plays, she also won the mother' hearts, even though our trained friends would have called it a poor apology for a kindergarten.

She loved "God, and flowers, and little children"—the prerequisites for a kindergartner. To love God with heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; to delight in all the glories of earth and sky—looking always "up through nature to nature's God," seeing "books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything"; to love children with absorbing love, and such realization of their worth as to say, "Give me a child till he is six years old, and I care not who has him afterward,"—this is the creed—nay, the life and breath of the kindergartner.

Less than seven years ago one woman with that creed went to Japan. Some at home shook their heads, wondering if this were preaching the gospel to the heathen—if this were legitimate work for the Board to do. Do we wonder that some of the missionaries even, those who had known little or nothing of kindergarten work at home, said by their actions, if not in so many words, "Our hands and hearts are more than full with the teaching and preaching to the older ones who are coming to us; wouldn't it be better for her to help us than to play with the children?"

The new kindergartner, burning with desire to speak helpful words to mothers, accompanied one of the older missionaries on an evangelistic tour. Wherever they went crowds came to listen ; others made addresses, but the newcomer had no place upon the programme except as singer.

After that tour she resolutely turned to her special, untried work, with consecration, enthusiasm, heroism. She set her standards high ; she would take no students for her training department except those well qualified in education and character. She made the kindergarten so delightful that the grandmother and nurse girl, one or the other the inseparable companion of the Japanese child when not with its mother, felt that no harm would come to their little one even though they were banished from his sight.

True to her ideals, before long she had made hers indeed the model kindergarten for Japan ; had disarmed prejudice within the Mission, for she has no warmer advocates of kindergarten work to-day than those who seemed doubtful at first about her work. More than this, she had disarmed prejudice among the Japanese ; not only were the children implicitly trusted to her, but she lectured in the largest cities of the empire on kindergarten work. Before her first class was ready to be graduated from the training school all its members already promised for mission kindergartens could easily have secured positions in the Government kindergartens, and many were the applications for admission to the training class from those not qualified to enter ; but she works not for quantity but for quality, and she must be sure that her pupils have caught the spirit of her own teachers, that they are able to go alone, resisting temptation to lower their ideals, before she could allow them to establish other kindergartens. But now, having been established, these testify quite as much as the one that she personally supervises, to her ability to train thoroughly and to communicate enthusiasm, and we see that the spirit of Froëbel, like that of the Great Teacher, is not for one place or race only.

Japanese educators are flocking to the Glory Kindergarten to discover, if possible, the secret of the marvelous success of the foreigner's kindergarten ; all the more noticeable because in many cities the Government is acknowledging failure by closing its own kindergarten doors.

Here some may ask, But why do the Government kindergartens fail when the secondary and higher schools succeed? I answer, Chiefly because the kindergarten is the most distinctively Christian part of our system of education ; it is its flower and crown, its glory ; and how can a pantheistic people, with no knowledge of a loving Heavenly Father or of an individual immortal soul, with little altruistic sentiment, apprehend even, not to say carry out, Froëbel's spirit?

Even if the kindergartens were not overcrowded, thirty or more children to a teacher; even if the ubiquitous nurse girl, with her ignorance and foolish fondness, and far graver faults, did not nullify the little the teacher tried to do; even if the children were not at recess herded in a crowded yard with older children from all the regular grades; even if the Government school were not secretly, when not openly, hostile to Christianity,—if all these were not, alas! true, can the fountain rise higher than its source?

The Japanese are expert in making artificial flowers; these fastened on a dead branch are so lifelike that the deception is perfect. Have they not also tried to fasten the flower and fruit of our American civilization upon dead branches, not heeding that our schools and colleges have strong roots and a living trunk, which one generation cannot produce, even were that generation a Christian one?

I have not spoken of the wide-open door that there is for the Christian kindergarten into the homes of the children. She who loves the child, and whom the child loves, has already won the mother. Let us do what we can to make Japan Christian by beginning with the children, and I doubt not that the children of to-day will go forth as men and women of to-morrow for the evangelization of Asia.

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#### FOR CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.—THE WORK OF MRS. S. B. CAPRON IN INDIA.

BY MRS. JAMES L. HILL.

THE missionary heroine whom we this month introduce to the boys and girls is set in a frame of striking facts. Let six girls in quick succession make these statements: (1) India is our oldest missionary field. (2) Upon this field, for example, in the Telugu Mission, the greatest triumphs of the Cross have been accomplished that have been known in all history since the days of Pentecost. (3) Here Carey, and Henry Martyn, and the brilliant galaxy of early missionaries shone. (4) Its area is almost one half as great as that of the United States, but it has five times as many inhabitants. (5) Columbus was searching for a short route from Spain to India when he discovered America. (6) The first Indian convert was brought in by a physician, Dr. Thomas. Rev. Mr. Carey and himself had labored for six years without apparent fruit. One day a carpenter, who was working on the mission house, fell, and broke his arm. While Dr. Thomas was setting it he took the opportunity to tell the good news about Jesus to the curious crowd who gathered around. The carpenter's heart was touched, and he came to hear more, and soon became a Christian. In spite of bitter perse-

cution, he took, and held, a firm stand for Christ, and for more than twenty years did faithful work for him. He wrote many tracts and hymns, one of which begins,—

O thou, my soul, forget no more  
The Friend who all thy sorrows bore;  
Let every idol be forgot,  
But O, my soul, forget Him not.

Turning now from the frame to the picture in it, you see Mrs. Capron, who is justly famed as the "Beloved Mother" of the Bible women of Madura. From the letters of Mrs. Capron, which are wonders of composition, I have arranged a dialogue called, "A Missionary's Visit," which can be presented, as it oftentimes has been, at a missionary meeting. Some simple directions are given in it respecting the costumes, which are arranged from a single piece of cloth over the dress. Through the Woman's Board I shall be glad to supply, gratis, copies of this dialogue to persons who will use it.

Mrs. Capron's history illustrates how a foreign missionary is made by home missionary prayers. Her father, Dr. Hooker, a saintly man, said to his daughter, about to be married to Mr. Capron, to go with him to India, "How came you ever to think of going abroad as a foreign missionary?" feeling the bitterness of the separation. "Why, father," she replied, "I do not count it strange. I have heard you pray for missions all my life, and now I am going to answer your prayers." While Mrs. Capron is a woman of intensest and sweetest piety, her intellectual endowment is uncommonly great. Some of her sentiments and sentences have become proverbs in our churches. Here is one which we ask the boys and girls to commit to memory: "Nothing clarifies judgment like serenity; and nothing produces serenity like communion with God." One of the reasons for missionary meetings in the churches at home is found in one of her sentences, in which, while still in India, she exclaims, "Oh, dear Heavenly Father, put it into the heart of some good woman in America to pray for me while I go to minister to these, Thy little ones." An experience of Mrs. Capron's ought to be explained to the boys and girls: First, she is loved for her personal worth. Next, she is loved for the work's sake. Mrs. Capron labored in India thirty years. During this time Mr. Capron died. Widowed, she followed him to his grave, which was beneath a palm. People supposed she would then return to her native land. "But no," said she, "I must remain and more completely organize the work which we have planned." Returning home at length, she said, "I will take no more appointments than will allow me time for prayer and Bible study."



## Our Work at Home.

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### CONSIDER THE DAYS OF OLD.

THE early records of the American Board show a great interest in foreign missions on the part of Christian women. Doubtless then, as now, many of their contributions were included in those of the churches; but during the first ten years of its existence more than \$20,000 were acknowledged as from women,—about one tenth of the total receipts. How much of unwritten history there must be with regard to individual donations, in many cases anonymous! We would fain know more of the Female of Color, \$5, the Indigent Female, \$3, the Aged Widow, \$5, the Pious Lady, \$10, the Unknown Female, \$1, Lucy, \$1, the Little Girl, .06, the Poor Woman, .50, the Elderly Lady, .75, the Pious Females, \$2, the Two Children and Hired Girl, \$3, the Servant Girl, .40, the Two Widows, \$1.25, and many other “Female Friends of Missions,” whose names are written in heaven. We have a glimpse of sacrifices in the gift of a gold watch, in the avails of gold beads, a bracelet, a necklace, and other jewelry, of a chaise, and of ten cents, a premium obtained in Sunday school; and there were especial thank offerings recorded, as for the birth of a fourth son, and the safe return of a friend from a distant voyage.

But more than this, there were numerous organizations of women under various names. The Cent Societies, which for some years had contributed to the Massachusetts Missionary Society for work in our own country among new settlers and among the Indians, soon sent at least a part of their gifts to the American Board for foreign work, as did sundry female religious, female benevolent, and female charitable societies; but it does not appear whether all their contributions went in that direction.

In March, 1812, the month after the departure of the first missionaries to India, we find the Female Foreign Missionary Society of New Haven sending to the Board \$108.55, with subsequent contributions the same year amounting to \$48.51; and in June the Female Foreign Missionary Society of New London and vicinity sent \$146. These two societies continued to give steadily through 1820, and perhaps longer. Contributions from other societies of the same name at Stepney, Wethersfield, Tyringham, and Plymouth were reported in 1812; from Franklin, Conn., and Cornish, N. H., in 1813; and from Stratford, South Preston, and Plainfield, Conn., and Westfield, in 1814.

There was also in 1813, a Female Heathen's Friend Society at New Bedford, with branches subsequently at Dartmouth and Plymouth. After the death of Harriet Newell various Newell Societies sprang up at North Bridgewater and several Connecticut towns. It is said that by the year 1839 there were six hundred and eighty such woman's "auxiliaries" to the American Board.

It is possible that the records of many of these societies are still extant, and might prove full of interest to the descendants and successors of those godly women who prayed and gave for missions, but died without that sight of results which is granted to us.

From one such volume containing the records of a society formed in a village of Eastern Connecticut, and covering a period of eleven years, some extracts are given herewith.

"At a meeting of a number of ladies at the schoolhouse in South Preston for the purpose of forming themselves into a society for the aid of Foreign Missions, on the third Wednesday in April, 1813, Mrs. Lydia Barstow was nominated moderator, and Miss Louisa Tyler scribe, for the day. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Susan Hyde, after which the following constitution was adopted:—

*Constitution of the Female Foreign Mission Society of South Preston.*

The age in which we live is wonderfully marked with the footprints of Divine Providence. Both the political and moral world teem with events that astonish the beholder and fill him with admiration. To stand by as an indifferent spectator would betray a stupidity not only criminal, but also ill becoming those who ought to feel for their fellow-creatures in affliction. . . . The Christian world is now remarkably excited to benevolent efforts for the spread of the gospel. Christians are beginning, though but just beginning, to awake. . . . A number of missionaries with their wives have recently arisen up in our country. These have already sacrificed everything dear in their native country, have literally forsaken father and mother, brothers and sisters, and gone to carry the gospel to pagans in a foreign land. We are not insensible that those who have gone already, or may go in future, upon this hazardous, self-denying, and benevolent design, must be supported at present from Christian countries. We feel deeply interested in the missionary cause generally, but feel particularly desirous to do something to the aid of the foreign mission, to which the attention of the public and the friends of Zion have of late been so much called. To this end we form ourselves into a society agreeably to the following constitution.

Then follows the formal constitution in fourteen articles: stating name, object, terms of membership (fifty cents a year, and seven dollars at one time constituting the donor a member for life); the officers, president, three vice presidents, a secretary, treasurer, and an auditor, together with eight to officiate as standing committee, their various duties being described. The committee being expected to solicit donations from both males and females.

There were to be monthly meetings for the purpose of reading, conversation, and the obtaining of knowledge on the subject of missions; an annual meeting to be held on the third Wednesday of April at 1 P. M., to elect officers and hear the treasurer's report.

Arrangements are made for the officers to continue at least one year, if the annual meeting is prevented by storm or other providence; also for filling vacancies in case of death during the year; for meeting incidental expenses; for withdrawal from membership; for the election of the president by ballot, if it be the wish of the majority; for a quorum who might conduct the business of the annual meeting; for a public lecture by the minister or some one provided by him on the day of the annual meeting at 2 P. M.; and if the sermon should not be delivered, for other exercises to be conducted by the president.

Then follow the names of the fifteen officers. The president, Mrs. John Hyde, was wife of the minister settled over the church in 1812, and was also a minister's daughter. Her father, Rev. Samuel Nott, was pastor for seventy years of the church in Franklin, Conn., and her brother, Samuel Nott, Jr., was one of the five men who were ordained at Salem in February, 1824, and who embarked for India that month. What significance to her in the statement in the above constitution about those who for Christ's sake had forsaken father and mother, brothers and sisters. The Female Foreign Missionary Society of Franklin, the native place of both Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, was probably formed one year earlier than this, and may really have been the parent society.

No less than thirty-five names are recorded in this book as members of the society, and this in a country church, which at the death of Mr. Hyde's predecessor, in 1808, only numbered twenty-eight members.

The monthly meetings were held with great regularity, averaging at least eleven a year for eleven years. On one occasion it was voted, "That if it storms on any day appointed for the meeting, this body shall convene the first fair day succeeding," but five years later the subject of these monthly meetings was reconsidered, and the society agreed that "The vote concerning their being regulated by the weather on such days be rescinded and erased from the secretary's book, and they be guided by the constitution solely." The former vote was duly erased, as may be plainly seen. No fair-weather Christians, these!

The annual meeting seems to have been held invariably on the third Wednesday in April. The Constitution was always read at this meeting, and occasionally at other times. Several times Rev. Mr. Hyde preached the annual sermon, and at other times it was delivered by a neighboring

minister, Rev. Levi Nelson, Rev. Daniel Waldo or Rev. Timothy Tuttle. After Mr. Nott's return from India he delivered the sermon in April, 1817, and it was voted, "Considering the situation of the Rev. Samuel Nott, who has labored with us this day, we agree to present him with one half the sum subscribed this day; likewise our most grateful acknowledgments for his very appropriate discourse." And a committee was appointed to carry the same into effect.

It is interesting to note that South Preston tried the experiment of combining home and foreign work. The society was urged to become auxiliary to the Religious Tract Society of Norwich, and to aid the American Education Society, and perhaps other causes in the home land. It was voted in 1816, "There be an alteration in the name of the society; that it now be termed a 'Society for Missionary Purposes, both Foreign and Domestic,' two thirds of the money requisite to make a member of the society to be given to the foreign, and the remainder to domestic missions." But after one year, at the next annual meeting, the constitution was read and restored to its original form.

Although there was no Woman's Board to draw together different societies, we find glimpses of their fellowship in correspondence with a Female Cent Society, and with the Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes. The letters received from Mr. Evarts, treasurer of the A. B. C. F. M., were highly prized.

The treasurer's accounts were duly presented and approved, but the secretary does not say much of the amounts received. The first annual contribution in March, 1814, was ten dollars, and the *Panoplist* makes subsequent acknowledgments of sums ranging from eight to twenty-one dollars.

The minutes of all meetings, annual and monthly, were carefully recorded, —a scribe being appointed if the secretary was absent,—and the copy attested by the secretary.

The monthly meetings, held at private houses, were always devotional in character, "Held for mutual improvement and the obtaining of religious information on the subject of missions." We know what passages of Scripture were read, what hymns were "read and unitedly sung," "with proper and becoming solemnity," and who were the different women who led in prayer. If we smile at some of the quaint phrases which describe the prayers as "appropriate," "suitable," "short, but interesting and humble," "solemn and interesting," "a prayer in which we were affectionately exhorted to be diligent," "the throne of grace addressed in a humble, supplicating manner," "in a manner adapted to the occasion," "in a solemn and impressive manner," it is but for a moment. There were



seventeen women accustomed to lead in prayer at South Preston, in contrast to the two or three in so many auxiliaries of our day.

Missionary intelligence was less abundant then than now. No LIFE AND LIGHT, no *Mission Studies*, no *Mission Day Spring*, no such leaflets as are issued by our various Woman's Boards, but there was always something to read, often quite a variety. These sisters believed that the field is the world, and they rejoiced in the accounts of religious revivals in various places, and in reports of Sunday-school work (a new thing in those days). They read "a small tract, *The Dairyman's Daughter*," "some beautiful poetry," extracts from private letters of the Notts, Newells, and Judsons; extracts from religious biography; from various sermons, among others that preached by Dr. Woods at the ordination in Salem, and that by President Dwight at an annual meeting of the American Board, with selections from the *Guardian*, the *Religious Intelligencer*, and the *Panoplist*. A donation on two occasions from the Prudential Committee of back numbers of the *Panoplist*, was acknowledged by a letter of thanks, and it was voted "to circulate these magazines, and have all papers, etc., stored at the house of the president, as her residence is more central." Money was raised to bind the *Panoplist*, and it was voted to buy a box for the use of the librarian. Later, the receipt of the *Missionary Herald* for the past year, with annual report and sermon at the ordination of missionaries to the Sandwich Islands, is acknowledged.

The book closes with the minutes of the meeting held in November, 1824. Is there not some later account of this society? We cannot think that it disbanded so long as Rev. John Hyde and his wife remained in South Preston, but we would like to find the missing link between this organization and the present auxiliary of the Woman's Board. Enough, however, has been cited to stimulate us to be followers of those "who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

E. S. G.

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#### LETTER FROM DR. N. G. CLARK.

[Read at the meeting of the Board in Montclair.]

WEST ROXBURY, MASS., NOV. 1, 1894.

*To the Ladies of the Woman's Board of Missions in meeting assembled: My fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God:*

DEAR FRIENDS,—I have been so in the habit of trying to do whatever you asked of me, that I could not refuse the request that I send you a letter at this meeting. I do this the more readily because, in a recent review of the years of my connection with the American Board, I have been led to an

appreciation even higher than before of the value of your work, and of the manifest blessing of God upon it. A special blessing upon such a work was to have been expected, in view of the interest manifested by our Lord, when upon earth, in children,—his sympathy for women in the most varied circumstances,—his tender thoughtfulness for his mother, even in his dying hour ; and the blessing has come.

To your missionaries in the foreign field is due in no small degree the threefold increase in the number of communicants in the native churches within the last few years, as compared with twenty years ago, especially the increase in the proportion of women among these communicants. In the early days of a mission the majority of converts are men ; later, when women can be reached, and through them the homes, the work is established upon firmer foundations. Whatever the form of labor,—whether directly evangelistic or educational,—the results mark the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit. The great majority of those who go forth from our high schools and colleges for young women go out as Christians, and become centres of light and blessing in the communities to which they go. The young people of both sexes in the educational institutions of our missions are to be the leading men and women of the next generation,—a generation trained under the influence of Christian ideas. We are thus come to the opening of a new era in the history of missions, to which your institutions are largely contributing. Who shall estimate the influence, for example, of the American College for Girls at Constantinople, of the International Institute under Mrs. Gulick's care in Spain, of the Kobe College for young women in Japan? or of the less conspicuous, but not less important work of your Bible women among the homes of the people, or of the Kindergarten, bringing the little ones from their earliest years under sweet Christian influences. The light of this new era is already dawning in the changing sentiment of the higher classes in India, in the new estimate of woman throughout the Turkish Empire, in the new conceptions of Christianity inspired by its effects upon the life and character of woman wherever brought under its elevating and enlightening power.

In view of the great work accomplished through the special blessing of God, and the yet greater work in prospect,—accept gratefully, I pray you, the responsibility and the privilege bestowed upon you. Let your missionaries in every field be assured of your loving sympathy and constant support. Let them never be forgotten in your prayers. Let not your sons and daughters be esteemed too precious an offering to help them in the work for which our Lord and Saviour gave himself. Rather count it your highest honor and the crown of your rejoicing when they are permitted to enter upon this high service.

And may I be permitted, as one who has for so long enjoyed your sympathy and support in our common work, to bespeak for those who succeed me in office the same cordial co-operation which you have given in my day to the American Board. Be assured that while I live I shall never cease to follow your work with deepest interest, and to rejoice with you in all its growth and its success.

Most sincerely,

Yours for the cause,

[Signed]

N. G. CLARK.

### OUR BOOK TABLE.

*Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888* (2 vols.). Edited by the Rev. James Johnston, F.S.S., Secretary of the Conference. Published by Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 560 and 624.

This Centenary Conference on Protestant Missions of the World, held in Exeter Hall, London, June, 1888, has been called "the grandest Œcumenical Council ever assembled since the first Council in Jerusalem!" Every Evangelical Church in the world having any agency for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, was represented there. Missionary experts and specialists, workers at home and workers at the front in foreign fields of all denominations, were in that immense gathering for ten consecutive days, to consult together in regard to the best way to carry out the last, great command of the Master. In these two volumes we have a full report of the Conference.

There are probably no other two volumes of equal size that could compare with these in the discussion of strategic subjects along missionary lines. Besides the secretaries of the various Boards, such names as Dr. George Smith of Edinburgh, Dr. A. J. Gordon of Boston, Dr. J. Murray Mitchell, Dr. F. F. Ellinwood, Dr. G. W. Knox, Sir W. W. Hunter, Professor Drummond, our own Miss Child and Mrs. Capron, each giving most valuable and suggestive papers, will show the scope of this famous conference. No one profoundly interested in missionary matters can afford to omit these volumes from his private library.

*Sketches of some Distinguished Indian Women.* By Mrs. E. F. Chapman. With a preface by the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava. London: W. H. Allen & Co. Pp. 139.

This London publication is not yet in our Circulating Library, but whoever is interested in representative Hindu women, should not fail to read these five brief biographies. Lady Dufferin, in her prefatory note, says:

“No one will read these sketches without a feeling of intense sympathy and admiration for the subject of each one of them; or without pride and pleasure in the fact that so much talent, perseverance and determination should be found combined with so much gentleness, and with so many truly feminine qualities. One might, perhaps, have feared that women who had had to break through the hard and fast rules of caste and custom, would have lost their more lovable characteristics in the struggle; but one rises from the perusal of each one of these biographies with as much affection for the woman as admiration for the student.” It is to Lady Dufferin’s everlasting credit, that when her husband was Viceroy of India, she interested herself in the welfare of the women of that great empire. What she did in the establishment of hospitals for women will insure her a warm place in the hearts of these caste-bound sisters of ours who suffer in many unreportable ways from the abominable custom of child marriage, and yet who cannot be seen by a man doctor. Few English women living in India ever learn the native language. Lady Dufferin studied the vernacular, having for her instructor Miss Isabella Thoburn, the sister of Bishop Thoburn.

The five bright stars in the Hindu firmament, as depicted by Mrs. Chapman, are the Pundita Ramabai, her cousin, Dr. Anandibai Joshee, that daughter of Keshut Chunder Son who is known as the Maharani of Kuch Behar, Toru Dutt, and Cornelia Sorabji. A sister of Cornelia Sorabji, Miss Jeanne, was a prominent speaker at the Parliament of Religions. She has since married, and her present name is Madame Cavalier. Her purpose in remaining in this country is the hope of raising money to establish a medical hospital in Bombay.

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#### ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Woman’s Board of Missions will be held in Berkeley Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, January 16, 1895. Morning session at 10, afternoon session at 2. Although the meeting in Montclair, in most respects, took the place of the annual meeting, it is still necessary to hold the legal meeting in January, at which time the annual reports will be presented, and officers elected. Although entertainment for the night is not offered to delegates, it is hoped that a large number will be present at this meeting. Credentials used at Montclair will be sufficient for this meeting.



## TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

*January.*—Missionary Literature. See LIFE AND LIGHT for December.

*February.*—Thirty years in India.

*March.*—Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in Mission Fields.

*April.*—The Apostle of Japan.

*May.*—Earliest and Latest Missionaries in Japan.

*June.*—Medical Work in Mission Fields.

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THIRTY YEARS IN INDIA.—THE WORK OF MRS. S. B. CAPRON.

TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

Mrs. CAPRON'S work is best described by her own inimitable pen. Those who have back numbers of LIFE AND LIGHT will find abundant material in all the years between 1869 and 1886. For those who have not access to these numbers we make selections. The lesson leaflet for the month will contain a personal sketch of Mrs. Capron. We suggest that this should make the framework for the meeting to be filled in by papers on the three departments of work established, and so successfully carried on, under Mrs. Capron's care,—the educational, evangelistic, and medical work.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK comprises the boarding schools in Madura, Mana Madura, and Hindu Girl's Schools in Madura. See LIFE AND LIGHT, December, 1883 (general). For *Mana Madura School*, see LIFE AND LIGHT for September, 1875. For *Madura Boarding School*, LIFE AND LIGHT for May, 1880, "Historical sketch," December, 1882; "Building of Otis Hall," June, 1885; "Forming of the Normal Department," September, 1878; "Typical Work Done in the School," January, 1895, page 3. *Hindu Girls' Schools*, August, 1884 and January, 1888; "General Description," December, 1882 and September, 1887; "Results," June, 1886 and June, 1885 (incidents).

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK, LIFE AND LIGHT for December, 1878, and October, 1885; March, June and September, 1883; April and May, 1885 (incidents).

MEDICAL WORK, LIFE AND LIGHT for May, 1879; June, 1880; March, 1888 (general description); February, March, and April, 1887.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Receipts from October 18 to November 18, 1894.

MISS ELLEN CARRUTH, Treasurer.

## MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas. Waldoboro, Aux., 10; Newcastle, Aux., 2; Foxcroft and Dover, Cong. Ch., Jun. End. Soc., 10; Bath, Central Ch., Jun. End. Soc., 5; Winter St. Ch., Willing Workers M. C., 5; South Berwick, Cong. Ch., 30; Augusta, E. M. Nason, 5; Searsport, Givers and Gainers M. C., 5; New Gloucester, Aux., 25; Portland, Y. L. M. B., 70, St. Lawrence St. Ch., Aux., 14, State St. Ch., Aux., 33.70; Gorham, Aux., Thank Off., 48; Bangor, Aux. (of wh. 16 Thank Off.), 25; Bremen, S. S., 2; Woolwich, S. S., 2; Rockland, Aux., 50; Bethel, First Ch., Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Francetta A. Furlington, 25; Auburn, Y. L. M. B., High St. Cong. Ch., 30,	415 70
Total,	415 70

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Miss A. E. McIntire, Treas. Alton, Aux., 1.50; Bedford, Aux., Thank Off., 7.92, Friends in Pres. Ch., 7.42; Dunbarton, Hillside Laborers, 2; Durham, Aux., 3; Exeter, Aux., 8; Francetown, Aux., 6; Franklin, Aux., 15; Hampstead, Aux., 14; Keene, Second Ch., Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Albert W. Green, 25; Lyme, Aux., 18.65; Manchester, Franklin St. Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., 5; Mont Vernon, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Emily T. Gilson), 27.50; Nashua, Young Ladies' Miss. Band, Pilgrim Ch., 25, Talent Miss. Circle, First Ch., 5; Northwood, Aux. (to complete L. M. Mrs. Martha A. D. Grace), 3.55; Rochester, Aux., 30; Salmon Falls, Aux., 4.50; Seabrook and Hampton Falls, Y. P. S. C. E., 5; Swanzey, Aux., Thank Off., 7; Tilton, Aux., 13.90; Walpole, Aux., 30; Warner, Girls' Miss. Band, 2.50; Wentworth, Aux., 10; West Lebanon, Aux., 9.90,	287 34
Total,	287 34

## LEGACY.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Exeter, Legacy of a Friend,	400 00
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## VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. "A Home Missionary's Daughter," 25; Berkshire, East, 12.50; East Corinth, Cong. Ch., 14.60; Newburg, 10; Poultney, East, 6.69; Pittsford, two

S. S. Classes, 15; St. Johnsbury, North Ch., a few ladies, 25, Mrs. Emerson Hall, to const. self L. M., 25, Aux., 20; Swanton, 10; Waterford, Lower, 5; Windham, 5; Windsor, Mrs. Sarah H. Freeman, to const. L. M. Dorothy Fairbanks, 25,

198 79

Total, 198 79

## MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Andover and Woburn Branch.</i> —Mrs. C. E. Swett, Treas. Wakefield, Aux., 60; Reading, Y. P. M. B. (of wh. 50 const. L. M's Mrs. Grace L. Marston, Mrs. Kate K. Hallett), 250; Melrose Highlands, W's League, 17.64; Lowell, Kirk St. Ch., Aux., 75; Reading, Aux., 65; Bedford, Golden Rule Soc., 3.78; Andover, Sunbeam M. C., 12.78; Lawrence, Lawrence St. Ch., Aux., 27.50; Winchester, Aux. (of wh. 25, by Mrs. Jennie Herrick, const. L. M. Mrs. Lizzie P. Adrience), 96.50; Bedford, United Workers, 25; Andover, Young Ladies' Soc., 30; Lexington, Aux., 17,	680 20
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*Essex North Branch.*—Mrs. Wallace Kimball, Treas. Ipswich, Aux., 50; Georgetown, Memorial Ch., 40; Amesbury, Aux., 73, Cradle Roll, 50 cts.,

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*Essex South Branch.*—Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas. Beverly, Dane St. Ch., Ivy Leaves M. C., 80, Cradle Roll, 15, Washington St. Ch., Aux., 70, Y. L. Aux., 23.63, Mission Circle, 10; Boxford, Aux., 25; Gloucester, Aux., 97, Tabitha Soc'y, 10, Lower Lights M. C., 6; Ipswich, Aux., 30.85, Earnest Workers M. C., 6; Lynn, Central Ch., Aux., 17.50, Lower Lights M. C., 50, Chestnut St. Ch., Aux., 15, Little Light Bearers M. C., 2, First Ch., Aux., 35, Mission Stars M. C., 1, North Ch., Aux., 25; Marblehead, Jun. End., 5; Middleton, Willing Workers M. C., 5.50, Cradle Roll, 3.31; North Beverly, M. C., 18.61; Peabody, Aux., 1.50, Morning Star M. C., 35.40; Salem, Crombie St. Ch., Aux., 43, Jun. End., 5, South Ch., Aux., 37.4, Streams in the South M. C., 10, Tabernacle Ch., Aux., 156.20, Y. L. Aux., 30, Prim. Dep't, S. S., 15, Jun. End., 5.70, Kookoo M. C., 5.76; Saugus, Children's M. B., 9; Swampscott, Aux., 54; Topsfield, Aux., 30; Wenham, 12; Lynn, North Ch., Golden Rule M. C., 7.70; Peabody, Aux. (prev. contri. const. L. M. Miss Mary J. Floyd), Thank Off. at Annual Meeting, 129.25,

1,474 91

*Franklin Co. Branch.*—Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Conway, Aux., 41; Greenfield, Aux., 11.43; Shelburne, 10.50; Sunderland, Aux., 10; Montague M. C., 7,

79 93

- Hampshire Co. Branch.*—Miss H. J. Kneeland, Treas. North Amherst, Whatsoever Soc., 20, Northampton, Aux., Thank Off., 90; South Hadley, Aux., const. L. M., Mrs. Alvin L. Wright, 25; Southampton, Aux., 30; Greenwich, Aux., 24.90, 189 90
- Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Treas. Dover, Aux., 7; Wellesley, Aux., 11; Sudbury, Helping Hand Soc., 7; Saxonville, Aux., 22; South Framingham, Aux., 163; Northboro, Aux., 13.50; Marlboro, Aux., 52; Sudbury, Aux., 20; Maynard, Mrs. Lorenzo Maynard, 10; Southboro, Aux., 20; Natick, Aux., 79.70; Framingham, Schneider Band, 8.84, Aux., 1; Wellesley, Miss Julia Eastman, 11.25; Saxonville, Edwards Cong. Ch., M. B., 20, 446 20
- New Bedford.*—A friend, 80
- Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.*—Miss Sarah B. Tirrell, Treas. Hanover, Aux., 19.70; Braintree, Aux., 6.50; Hingham, Aux., 12; Milton, Aux., 13.50; Holbrook, Aux., Thank Off. (of wh. 25 const. L. M., Mrs. Helen M. Whitcomb), 76.65, 128 35
- North Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, Treas. Westford, Aux., 11, Y. P. S. C. E., 10; Acton, Aux., 10; Townsend, Aux., 51.73, Y. P. S. C. E., 10; Lincoln, M. C., 25, 117 73
- Old Colony Branch.*—Miss F. J. Runnels, Treas. Attleboro, Second Cong. Ch., Weekly Offerings, 46.20, Aux., 94.02; Edgartown, Aux., 33.50; New Bedford, Wide Awakes, 25; Fall River, Willing Helpers, 80.22; Rochester, Aux., 41; Somerset, Aux., 20, "Whatsoevers," 15; Norton, Aux., 50; New Bedford, Aux., 210; Attleboro, The Lenses, 5; South Attleboro, The Lenses, 20; North Dighton, Aux., 65; Middleboro, Aux., 76.17, Henrietta Band, 25, Christian Endeavorers, 20; Fall River, W. F. M. Soc'y, 40.90, Willing Helpers, 17.75, 884 76
- Springfield Branch.*—Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas. Agawam, Aux., 40.19; Brimfield, Aux., 36; Blandford, Aux., 58; Chicopee, First Ch., Aux., 17.60; Chicopee Falls, Aux., 50; Feeding Hills, Aux., 20; East Granville, Aux., 15; South Hadley Falls, Aux., 10.44; Hampden, Aux., 11; Holyoke, Second Ch., 355.46, I'll Try Band, 13; Longmeadow, Aux., 21.50; East Longmeadow, Aux., 27; Ludlow Centre, 13.25; Mitteneague, Aux., 10, The Gleaners, 5; Springfield, Hope Ch., Aux., 174.09, Mission Reserves, 10, Memorial Aux. (of wh. 25 by Mrs. J. H. Southworth, const. L. M. Mrs. J. D. Stratton, 25 from Mrs. S. L. Griffin, const. L. M., Miss Lucy Mason, 25 from Mrs. J. L. R. Trask, const. L. M., Mrs. L. S. Hawks), 100.70, Y. P. S. C. E., 7, North Ch., Aux., 71.05, Park Ch., Aux., 21.87, Olivet Ch., Aux., 78.89, Olive Branch, 50, Golden Links, 40, South Ch. Aux., 40.50, Jun. Aux., 5.30; West Springfield, First Ch. Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Jennie S. Perkins), 46.50, Park St. Ch. Aux., 52; Westfield, First Ch. Aux., 303.60, Light Bearers, 40, Second Ch., Aux., 121.10, Scatter Goods, 50; Monson, Aux., 63.35; Thorndike, Aux., 16.54; Chicopee, Third Ch., Aux., 31.77, Annual Meeting Contribution, 120.61, 2,148 31
- Suffolk Branch.*—Miss Myra B. Child, Treas. Auburndale, Aux., 54.75; Boston, In Memoriam, Mrs. E. A. Rupp, 10, In Memoriam, L. J. B., 100, A Friend, 100, Old South Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Susan P. Adams), 182.41, Union Ch., Aux., 73.14, Y. L. Soc., const. L. M. Miss Helen S. Gay, 25, Shawmut Ch., Y. L. Aux., 155, Berkeley Temple, Jun. C. E., 5, Mt. Vernon Ch., "A Member," 5; Brookline, Harvard Ch., Aux., 120; Dedham, Aux., 175.75; Dorchester, Second Ch., Aux., Thank Off. 54.65, Y. L. M. C., 42.30, Central Cong. Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., 9, Pilgrim Ch., Y. L. M. S., 10; East Somerville, Franklin St. Ch., Aux., 5.34; Jamaica Plain, Central Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., 10; Newton, Eliot Ch., Aux. (of wh. 8 Friend, 100, a Friend, 25, to const. L. M's. Mrs. N. E. Jones, Mrs. Lydia A. Wales, Mrs. A. F. Emery, Mrs. H. B. Williams, Mrs. D. G. Harrington), 158; Newton Highlands, Aux., 26.20; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Aux., by Mrs. Geo. H. Milliken, const. L. M's. Florence E. Marshall, Mrs. George F. Jewett, 50, Aux., 100, Immanuel Ch., Aux., 26.35, Walnut Ave. Ch., Aux. (of wh. 50 const. L. M's. Mrs. Mary A. Haley, Mrs. Sara V. Childs), 100, S. S. Prim. Dept., 5; Somerville, Prospect St. Ch., Aux., 10; West Boylston, a Friend of the Cause, 5; West Newton, Aux., 25; West Roxbury, Ladies' Aux., 8, 1,650 89
- West Berlin.*—A Friend, 1 40
- Worcester Co. Branch.*—Mrs. C. L. Sumner, Treas. Athol, Aux., 106; Ashburnham, Aux., 3; Brookfield, Aux., 5; Charlton, Aux., 10; Clinton, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. H. B. Vroom), 53.23, Primary S. S., 10; Fitchburg, Rollstone Ch., Aux., 75; Grafton, Aux., 59.29; Lancaster, Y. L. M. S., 31.79; Leonminster, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Sumner Frost, 100; Millbury, First Ch., Aux., 79.42, Second Ch., Aux., 34.55; Northbridge Centre (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Bertie Harris), 50, Lamp Lighters, 5; North Brookfield, Aux. (of wh. 57, Thank Off.), 85.55; Oxford, Aux., 26.14; Paxton, Aux., 20.50; Princeton, Aux., 77.50; Rockdale, Aux., 42.50; Royalston, Aux., 35.65; Saundersville, Aux., 10.70; Spencer, Aux., 62; South Royalston, Aux., 5; Upton, Aux., 11; Warren, Aux., 18.35, Y. L. M. C., 20; Westborough, Aux. (of wh. 46.10 Thank Off.), 81.10; West Brookfield, Ch., 22.50; Westminster, Aux., 60; Whitinsville, Aux., 40, Extra Cent-a-Day Band, 16.72, King's Daughters, 75, Mrs. J. W. Abbott, 5; Winchendon, North Ch., Aux. (of wh. 125 const. L. M's. Mrs. C. J. Rice, Mrs. H. I. Allen, Mrs. E. A. Converse, Mrs. G. F. Wood, Miss E. G. Clement), 134; Webster, Y. P. S. C. E., 16; Worcester, Union Ch., Willing Workers, 7.50, Piedmont Ch., Aux. (of wh. 131, Thank Off.), 315.15, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 25, Old South, Aux., 20, Sen. Y. P. S. C. E., 20, Park Ch., Aux., 4.38, Extra Cent-a-Day Band, 7.42, Salem St.



Ch., Aux., 3, Hope Ch., Aux., 15, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 29,92,	1,924 76
Wrentham.—King's Daughters,	20 00
Total,	9,911 73

## RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> —Miss A. T. White, Treas. Kingston, Cheerful Givers, 25; Newport, Aux., 12.28; Riverside, Y. L. M. C., 3; Barrington, Aux., 15; Peacedale, Aux., 2.70; Central Falls, Jun. S. C. E., 5; Woonsocket, Aux., 12; Providence, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 10, North Ch., Aux., 56,	408 28
Total,	408 28

## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Eastern Conn. Branch.</i> —Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Norwich, First Ch., Mrs. Dwight Avery, 10, Park Ch., Y. L. A., 10; Hampton, Aux., 16.45; Preston, Long Society, Aux., 4.10; New London, Second Ch., Aux., 79.05; Mystic, Aux., 36.96; Windham, Aux., 8; Wauregan, Aux., const. L. M., Mrs. Henry Johnson, 25; Norwich, Broadway Ch., Aux., 67.19,	256 75
<i>Goshen.</i> —Mrs. Moses Lyman,	5 00
<i>Hartford.</i> —C. M., 2, a Friend, 40 cts.,	2 40
<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Mrs. M. Bradford Scott, Treas. Enfield, King St. M. C., by Mrs. Horace Patten, const. L. M. Mrs. Frances B. Allen, 25; Glastonbury, Jun. Aux., 10; Granby, Aux., 14.30; Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. Chas. B. Smith, 25, First Ch., Warburton Chapel, S. S., 31.70, South Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Edmund W. Buck), 58.50; Plainville, Aux. (of wh. 20, by a Farmington lady), 116; South Coventry, Jun. End. Soc., 5; Tolland, Aux., 14; Unionville, Aux. (of wh. Cradle Roll, 2.35, Thank Off. 31.06), 49.41,	348 91
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> —Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Chester, Aux., 34; Danbury, First Ch., Aux., 118; Darien, Aux., 35; East Haven, Aux., 15.04; Falls Village, C. E., 9.61; Greenwich, Aux., 31.50; Litchfield, Aux., 1.10; Middletown, First Ch., C. E., 20; New Haven, Ch. of Redeemer, S. S., 25, Welcome Hall, M. S. S., 7, College St. Ch., Aux., 26.50; Davenport, S. S., 70, United Ch., Aux., 54, Cradle Roll, 1.25; North Haven, C. E., 11.39; North Madison, Aux., 1; North Stamford, Aux., 1; Portland, Aux., 7.50; Prospect, Aux., 13; Redding, C. E., 3.63; Salisbury, Aux. (of wh. 25, by Mrs. S. D. Holley, to const. L. M. Mrs. Eliza J. Graham), 45.37,	530 89
<i>Tylerville.</i> —Mrs. A. W. T.,	1 00
Total,	1,144 95

## NEW YORK.

<i>Deansville.</i> —Cong. Ch., Ladies' Miss'y and Aid Soc'y,	4 50
<i>East Bloomfield.</i> —Mrs. Eliza S. Goodwin,	4 00

<i>New York City.</i> —Mrs. Frederick Vinton,	5 00
<i>New York State Branch.</i> —Miss C. A. Holmes, Treas. Brooklyn, Lewis Avenue, Earnest Workers, 10, Home Circle, 4.80, Central Ch., Aux., 150, Puritan Ch., Aux., 70; Buffalo, Niagara Sq., People's Ch., Aux., 19; Binghamton, First Ch., Aux., 11; Candor, Young Ladies' Miss. Guild, 5; Coventryville, Aux., 10; East Bloomfield, Aux., 19.63; Flushing, S. S., 10; Lockport, First Ch., Aux., 3.20; Norwood, Aux., 6.50; Napoli, Aux., 10; Phoenix, Aux., 25; Seneca Falls, Aux., 10; Syracuse, Good Will Ch., Golden Rule M. B., 5; Sherburne, Aux., 68; Ticonderoga, Aux., const. L. M. Miss I. D. Hubbard, 25; Westmoreland, Aux., 14; Warsaw, Y. P. S., 4.50; Molyneux Corners, Ladies' Miss. Soc., 10,	490 63
Total,	504 13

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

<i>Miss Emma Flavell, Treas.</i> —N. J., Glen Ridge, Aux., 150; Newark, First Ch., Aux., 27.85, Y. P. S. C. E., 15; Pater-son, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Cornelia G. Chase), 45,	237 85
Total,	237 85

## GEORGIA.

<i>Savannah.</i> —Second Pres. Ch., Infant and Bible Classes,	24 00
Total,	24 00

## FLORIDA.

<i>Waldo.</i> —A Friend,	2 40
Total,	2 40

## IOWA.

<i>Beaman.</i> —Mrs. W. M. Carver,	5 00
Total,	5 00

## KANSAS.

<i>Abilene.</i> —Mrs. H. M. Hurd,	5 00
Total,	5 00

## CHINA.

<i>Pao-ting-fu.</i> —Miss Annie A. Gould,	5 00
Total,	5 00

General Funds,	13,150 17
Variety Account,	194 94
Legacy,	400 00
Total,	\$13,745 11

MISS HARRIET W. MAY,  
Ass't Treas.





## EXTRACTS FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

[*Concluded.*]

IN May we had our delightful meeting in Berkeley, and rejoiced in the beauty our Heavenly Father had so lavishly spread around us in the rose gardens of Berkeley. At this meeting we were favored by the presence of four missionaries, who had seen long and hard service in their respective fields; viz., Mrs. Arthur H. Smith, Mrs. A. N. Burwell, India, Mrs. Price, formerly in China, now destined to Micronesia, Mrs. Logan, whose very name suggests the great and noble work done by herself and husband on those islands. It was pleasant, also, to hear extracts from the letters of our youngest missionary, Miss Barker, who is a member of this Berkeley Church.

Our June meeting, by the kind invitation of Mrs. French, of the First Church, took the form of a farewell "reception" to our outgoing missionaries, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Price and little daughter Helen; and little Helen will have her mission, too, by the side of her parents. They were to sail on the 28th, meeting the *Morning Star* in Honolulu. This meeting assured them of our love and good wishes, and prayers, which would follow them over the long ocean voyage. A number assembled on the wharf the following day for the farewell words.

The July meeting was omitted, on account of the absence of so many during the summer vacation.

August we were in the Oakland First, with a large attendance, with interesting addresses and letters.

Each of our meetings we feel brings us into closer connection with the work and the workers, and a deeper sympathy with the far-distant laborers in the harvest fields.

### ORGANIZATIONS.

Our Society, though having its headquarters in San Francisco, and most of its Executive Committee residents of San Francisco or Oakland from necessity,—else we would rarely have a quorum,—we do not forget not only

represents the State, but the Pacific Coast, including the States of Washington and Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. The latter is nominally connected with us, though our interchange of communication is very small. From this, our central tree, we have four branches; viz., the Southern, the Young Ladies', Washington, and Oregon. Each of these will tell its own story. Connected with these branches are our numerous auxiliaries; the number and condition of each we will hear from its own secretary, or from our own Home Secretary.

#### OUR LITERATURE.

Every organization as well as individual grows by what it feeds on. Especially is this true of a foreign missionary society. We are far distant from the fields of operation. Aside from personal letters from our missionaries we must have the monthly journals, to keep us informed of how the work goes on all along the line. The church, as a whole, has the *Missionary Herald*, now in its ninetieth year, from the American Board, the parent society. But as the work grew and took on a woman's department, it had also its journal, confined entirely to woman's work,—our own LIFE AND LIGHT. This, our beautiful magazine, which in point of execution, literary ability, and the information we need, excels, is only sixty cents a year, and should be in the hands of every member of our society; and we often wonder that we do not more often see it on the tables of our Christian women with the secular magazines. From year to year we watch its subscription list, hoping to see a steady increase. The present number is three hundred and forty, including all the States of our coast. We are represented in it by four pages each month, so it has some local interest as well. The beautifully illustrated little *Mission Dayspring* for the children should be in all our Sunday schools, and at \$12 a hundred is a very cheap publication. The Board of the Interior publish *Mission Studies*, a most invaluable little monthly, for thirty-five cents a year; and we have our column in the *Pacific* each week, still conducted by Mrs. Jewett. We are also represented in the little *Missionary Banner*, a new periodical issued by the W. H. M. Society. And what biographies are equal in thrilling incident, in great achievements, and noble self-denials to the missionary biographies which come out year by year. "Forty Years in the Turkish Empire," by Dr. Goodell; "Forty Years Among the Zulus," by Dr. Josiah Tyler; "Mary and I: or, Forty Years Among the Sioux;" and, lastly, the autobiography of the year, "My Life and Times," by Dr. Hamlin, formerly President of Robert College; which, on its beautiful eminence on the heights overlooking the Bosphorus, is a grander, more eloquent monument of Christian philanthropy than any mere pile of stone or marble could possibly be. The

Young Ladies' Branch, with their energetic and persevering president, Miss Williams, have started a missionary library, with a room of their own, at No. 735 Market Street, where these volumes may be found.

#### OUR MISSIONARIES.

These names will simply be given here; the details of their work will be given by our Foreign Secretary.

In Japan, Miss Gunnison (now with us), Miss Denton and Miss Harwood; in Zululand, Mrs Dorward; in Western Turkey, Mrs. Baldwin; North China, Mrs. Arthur H. Smith (now with us); in India, Miss Perkins and Miss Barker; in Micronesia, Miss Wilson. To the support of these we are pledged, in whole or in part; also toward Mrs. Gulick's work in Spain, and the running expenses of the Morning Star.

#### OUR TREASURY.

With all these obligations, amounting in all to \$5,996, we anxiously ask, How do we stand? We look for about \$1,000 from the Young Ladies' Branch, for \$1,000 from the Southern Branch, for possibly \$1,500 from Oregon and Washington Branches, and \$300 from the Sunday schools. We have also a little yet remaining of the precious legacy of our dear Mrs. Richards, who, though dead, has still spoken to us through the past years by this loving gift. This gift has been to us a sort of "contingent fund," enabling us to meet some pressing demands in the way of unexpected expenses, without drawing upon our general fund. We have another legacy in prospect which has not yet materialized. Various plans have been in operation to gather in the needed money.

The envelope system seems to us the best of any; for our envelopes, lying in our glove or handkerchief boxes, are a constant reminder of the sacred cause in which we are enlisted; and it also enables us to carry out the Scripture injunction, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Ways and means must be carefully considered for collecting the needed money. It will not come of itself, except with the few who need no prompting.

It will be a year of great suffering and embarrassment in missionary fields, if the threatened retrenchment is rigidly carried out. And in many fields there is great suffering from famine, which our missionaries must relieve to the extent of their ability. In other places it is not a famine for bread alone, but for the word of God, for which newly awakened souls are hungering. May the little that we do, like the loaves and fishes the Master blessed by the Sea of Galilee, be multiplied in his own way for the refreshment and saving of multitudes in all lands whither the messengers of the gospel have gone.

## TREASURER'S TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1894.

## RECEIPTS.

Berkeley, Aux., 140.90, Aux., Special, for debt of A. B. C. F. M., 50; Campbell, Aux., 10; Cloverdale, Aux., 18.50, Aux., for Report Fund, 1; East Oakland, Aux., of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. M. Willett, 114.30; East Oakland, for Report Fund, 2; Fresno, Aux., 25.80; Grass Valley, Aux., 25, for Report Fund, 1; Honolulu, for Leaflets, 50 cts.; Highland, Willing Workers, special, for a pupil, care of Miss Harwood, Japan, 25; Little Shasta, 19.25; Los Angeles, Mrs. Clara Hutchins, for Report Fund, 1; Lodi, Aux., 7.65, Aux., Thank Off., 10.25; Lincoln, Parsonage Mitebox, 8.55, Y. P. S. C. E., 2, Individual Endeavorers, 3; Mills College, Tolman Band, 25; Murphys, 5.50; Nordhoff, Jun. C. E., for Morning Star, 75 cts.; Oleander, Mrs. Harris, 1; Oroville, to const. L. M. Mrs. J. H. Bullard, 25; Oakland, First Ch., Aux., of wh. 25, to const. L. M. Mrs. A. H. Smith, and 100 for an honorary membership in A. B. C. F. M., 356.85, First Ch., Aux., for Report Fund, 3.50, First Ch., Friends, for debt of A. B. C. F. M., 15, Plymouth Ave., Aux., 25.25; Plymouth Ave., Aux., for Report Fund, 1, Fourth Ch., Willing Workers, 5, Fourth Ch., Sunday School, for Morning Star, 4.76, Fourth Ch., Friends, 15, Fourth Ch., for Report Fund, 1; Oregon Branch, of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. E. H. Marsh, and 25 for Miss Gunnison's Salary, 149.67; Pacific Grove, Mayflower, Aux., 22, Mayflower Aux., for Report Fund, 1; Petaluma, Aux., 20; Pescadero, 7; Rockin Cong'l Ch., 7.53; Rio Vista, Aux., 40.05; Redwood, for Report Fund, 2; Santa Cruz, Aux., of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. J. A. Cruzan, 77.55; Saratoga, Aux., 52; San Jose, Aux., 60; Sonoma, 4; Sacramento, Aux., 40; a friend, 3; San Francisco, First Ch., Cephas Soc., 191.30, First Ch., Cephas, for Report Fund, 2.25, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 104.15, Plymouth Ch., Aux., for Report Fund, 1, Plymouth Ch., Morning Sunday School for Morning Star, 7.50, Bethany Ch., Earnest Workers, 41.65, Bethany Ch., for Report Fund, 2.50, Third Ch., Aux., of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Eva O'Brien, 91.61, Third Ch., for Report Fund, 1, Olivet Ch., for Report Fund, 50 cts.; Southern Branch, of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. A. W. Thompson, 605, Special for Pupils, care of Miss Denton, Japan, 10, Special for Pupil, care of Miss Noyes, India, 15.15; Stockton, Aux., 25, Y. P. S. C. E., 10, for Report Fund, 75 cts.; Tulare, Mrs. H. J. Harding, 5; Vacaville, Aux., 20, King's Daughters, 7; Washington Branch, of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Miss Eva G. Smith, 417.30, for Report Fund, 10; Young Ladies' Branch, 1, 154, 4,158 77

Total Receipts for year,

\$4,158 77

Sept. 1, Cash on hand in Richards Fund, 1,575 48

Total, \$5,734 25

## EXPENSES.

Mrs. A. H. Smith, Traveling Expenses from Washington and return, 55; Mrs. Taylor, Traveling Expenses, 10; Mrs. Davis, for deficit in Woman's Congress of Missions, 5; Miss Goodhue, Contribution from Oregon Branch for Miss Gunnison's Salary, 25; L. S. Ward, for "Specials" as Designated, 129.15; L. S. Ward, to Constitute Miss Mabel Wills, Oakland, an Honorary Member of A. B. C. F. M., 100.00; Sundry Expenses for Young Ladies' Branch, 12.30; Leaflets, Mite barrels, Copies of *Pacific*, Printing Programs, 24.78; Expense of Column, 50; Postage, Express, Exchange on Draft, etc., 19.09 \$430 32

## From Richards Fund.

L. S. Ward, for Miss Barker's Traveling and Furnishing Expenses, 450; L. S. Ward, for Pledged Work, 28; L. S. Ward, for Miss Wilson's Salary to Jan. 1, 1894, 100; Bolton & Strong for Engravings, 46; Bacon & Co., for Printing Reports, etc., 152.20; Enquirer Publishing Co., for *Missionary Banner*, 22.50; Mrs. A. S. Burnell, Traveling Expenses, 41; Miss Child, for World's Congress of Missions, 5.00, 844 70

Total, \$1,275 02

Balance on hand in General Fund, 3,728.45; Balance on hand in Richards Fund, 730.78, \$5,734.25

## STATEMENT.

Appropriations for the Current year, \$5,906.00  
 Paid L. S. Ward for Miss Barker, 450;  
 Paid L. S. Ward for Miss Wilson's Salary, 100; Paid L. S. Ward for Honorary Membership, 100; Balance on hand in General Fund, 3,728.45, 4,378 45  
 Deficit, 1,617 55  
 \$5,996 00

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4, 1894.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the W. B. M. P. for the twenty-first year, and find the same correct. I also find correct vouchers for the disbursements.

WALTER FREAR, Auditor.

Since the Treasurer's books were closed, and the annual report audited, the following sums have been reported:—

Grass Valley, Aux., 10; Alameda Aux., 37.10; Southern Branch, 278; Oregon Branch, 123.69; Collection and Pledges at annual meeting, 133.65, \$582 44

Sept. 6, 1894. BESSIE B. MERRIAM, Treas.





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## JAPAN.

### LETTER FROM MISS ANNIE HOWE.

KOBE, Oct. 9, 1894.

WITH all the burning questions out here in the East, I ought to write you pages, but I doubt if you get even a full one this time. The editorials in the American papers seem to report the war correctly; so you know as much as I could tell you about the movement of the armies in Corea and China. But they—the editors—cannot see as we can the wonderful unity with which this whole nation moves in the matter; whether her prime motive be to rid Corea of the slavery (so to speak) to China, and give her a chance to become independent; or whether China's insolence toward Japan needs a check; or whether—as Japan says—the spirit of progress makes the war necessary; or whether, as some people strongly suspect, Japan having

gotten her army and navy in trim, wishes to see how they will work, and at the same time, show the world that she is equal to the best of them, — whatever the motive may be, every man, woman, and child in Japan has but one thought these days, and that is a buoyant belief that Japan will win, because she is perfectly able to do so.

Thousands and thousands of troops, baggage, and ammunition have been sent out of Japan, and much of all this has gone through Kobe, and not a ripple on the surface of daily affairs, beyond the upsetting of the railroad time-table. But while the public has been confined to three trains instead of a dozen or more each day, and for those trains only a limited number of tickets, still, no one has growled.

Every detail of the movement of troops has been perfectly as well as secretly arranged, and so these immense numbers are moved with perfect ease and quick dispatch. The Emperor has moved down to Hiroshima, and the Diet will be open there this fall, instead of in Tokyo.

There is very little fuss and feathers about the war here in Japan, but people in authority are dead in earnest. When one considers how well prepared Japan is with her troops, which have been drilling for years, her fine navy and modern equipment for war, her soldiers on fire to subdue China and bring glory to their land; and then considers China, with her troops of raw soldiers, working, not for China, but for the pay they will get, — frightened to death; of the unruly state of the people at large; the probability of a rebellion on her hands besides the war with Japan; the lethargy and superstition, the opposition to progress of China compared to the alertness and progress of Japan; the deadened condition of the Chinese soldiers through opium smoking, — when one considers all this, it does not look as if there was much chance for China, in spite of her size and her money.

Japan has always had a warrior spirit, and this, although the country has been busy with the arts of peace for twenty-five years or more, has never been allowed to die out. Not only has she been busy drilling her soldiers, but even the boys in the higher normal schools, and in the middle schools, have daily military drill, with guns, bayonets, swords, knapsacks, leggings, caps, and all.

There is a normal school just opposite here, so I have a good opportunity to observe. Only this morning I saw a lot of the students marching up the street, and I took them for a body of soldiers. Then, fencing is largely practiced. I have no doubt it is encouraged to foster the warlike spirit; it ought to, for of all the hideous screeching emitted from the throats of the fencers!

I sometimes see little boys of ten and twelve all done up in the fencing armor,—hood, and wire net for the face, padded trunk protector, etc.,—and then they are prancing wildly about with their fencing sticks, and yelling fiendishly. They ought to be warlike!

Another method of keeping alive this feeling is the sword practice. It is an accomplishment among men as music is among women. At social gatherings it is much in vogue. Men sing some sort of a soul-stirring song meanwhile posing in the most tragic attitudes, and using the sword in a very skillful style, holding the unsheathed blade in their teeth during some postures, whacking death blows at imaginary foes, and so on, and so on.

I have been greatly puzzled this fall about the state of things in the Kindergarten. The youngsters are full of the war. The boys come with flags and soldier caps, and they shout and attack the enemy in a most fearful style. I do deplore the roughness and rudeness which comes from such rough play, and it seems to me as if the little children might be spared such education; they will get it soon enough. I am pleased to find that the editor of a prominent religious paper has come out strongly against exciting in the children of the public schools this warlike spirit.

We are all well. I wish I had time to tell you of a sweet woman who is visiting us now from Peking, and of an interesting Scotch woman I met yesterday, but time is up.

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### A GOOD SUGGESTION.

A FRIEND was deploring the fact that she had come away from home for a day or two and forgotten her book, and so could not fill in her half hour. When I inquired "What half hour?" she replied, "O, I belong to a Half-hour Club, in which the members promise to spend half an hour of every day on some solid, instructive book,—history, travel, science, etc."

And then it occurred to me, "Why couldn't that same idea be used to advantage in missionary societies?" For it is, first of all, after love of Christ, information that we want: that begets love of the work; and if we love the work we shall find it easy to do and give for it. For to many people, alas, missions and the heathen are abstract quantities,—a remote and scarcely acknowledged obligation to be taken up and considered when everything else around us has been straightened out and set in order. So I propose that societies make to themselves "Half-hour Clubs" for missionary reading from among their members of those who are willing to join; each one pledging herself to half an hour's reading a day, the account being rendered at each meeting of the society to the secretary. We can, many of us, find unread books on the subject in our own homes that we have carelessly passed over.

With half an hour each day spent upon such lives as John G. Paton, Mackey of Uganda, Livingstone, Scudder, and others, and histories of missionary work and experiences that read in many cases like stories, societies will come to feel that the work of Christ in foreign lands is a tangible and an imperative duty, and will be inspired by the examples of these devoted lives to do all that in them lies for the furtherance of the kingdom.—*Mission Gleaner*.

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## AFRICA.

### THE AMANZIMTOTE SCHOOL.

BY MRS. F. W. BATES.

THE majority of our pupils are from the various mission stations, though quite a number are from the heathen kraals. They range all the way from the third to the sixth readers, and study the three readers; also grammar, history, physiology, etc., and Bible,—which latter is, so far as possible, taught in the Zulu language, the others all in English. We have two terms a year, of eighteen or twenty weeks each. The fee for a term is two pounds five shillings,—about twelve dollars. Some of the boys are too poor to bring even so small a sum, so they work five hours a day to pay their way. All the boys are required to work two hours daily. You would be amused, and almost imagine yourself back in Bible times, were you to go out some day and hear Mr. Bates assign the boys their work. For instance, to-day Joel and Meshack worked in my kitchen; Elijah swept the parlor and Zebulon the dormitories; Jonathan and Jerico scrubbed two of the dormitories; Simeon, Levi, and Joseph worked in the shop; Philemon, Ephraim, Micah, and Ishmael hoed in the garden; Samuel ironed, Belteshazzar took care of the horses, and Phineas did dining-room work. Aaron went home sick some time ago, and Mordecai did not return this term at all, neither did Adam. The boys often have a native name as well as a “civilized name,” so to speak. Frequently when they are baptized they request that another than their native name be given them, especially if the latter has some unpleasant meaning attached to it.

Were you to see their clothing, you might possibly be reminded of Joseph’s coat. White trousers are just as likely to be patched with black or blue as anything else, and *vice versa*; ragged elbows are treated in the same way, though, as far as possible, we try to have them use some judgment in selecting their patches. Shoes are a luxury, and indulged in by some, and



worn when in "full dress"; but it is very evident that they are not enjoyed by the wearers. At a wedding, recently, one of the bridesmaids, unable to endure the torture any longer, while the ceremony was in progress stooped and took off her shoes from her aching feet. You would be shocked at the way they murder the Queen's English. I found a boy wearing his friend's new shoes one day, and on asking why, he answered, "Because they bite;" *i. e.*, he was breaking them in. "He pinched me with a pin," said one little fellow, in complaining of another. Another boy gave as an excuse for tardiness, "I come from the ground." Remembering that he was the one who did the grinding, and that the past of "grind" is "ground," I made out that he had just returned from the "mill." I asked a grammar student one day what the abbreviation "A.M." stood for, and was shocked by his answering, "Amen."

The climate of Natal is delightful during the cooler months. We have no such terrible storms as are common at home, but once since we came there was a heavy hailstorm. I was then at the girls' school at Inanda. The buildings are covered with corrugated iron roofing, and such a din as the hail did make! It was enough to deafen one. Before it had entirely stopped, the girls rushed out with tin pans over their heads, to protect them from the stones, and gathered up a dishpan full. It was a rare treat to see ice once more. But that was not all. Mrs. Edwards hastened to the pantry and brought a small pail of cream, or milk, rather. Miss Phelps put the ice in a larger bucket and put in some salt. I put the pail of milk in and stirred it, and soon we had some nice ice cream,—the first I'd had in Africa. We took the patent ice-cream "freezer" to the schoolroom to give the girls an object lesson in frostwork, as some of them had never seen any before.

Zulu cows are very distant cousins of our American cattle, I think. One that gives six or eight quarts a day is quite a rarity. We buy it by the "bottle," instead of quart,—about one and one-half pints,—and pay three-pence a bottle. You would smile to see us churn. We scald the milk, say two bottles, and perhaps wait till we have a cupful or a small bowl of cream; then we take a silver fork and churn it, and get a quarter of a pound or so of butter. I have been making enough for the table from two bottles for some time. It is not of from "hand to mouth" sort of living, but is far better than canned butter. Irish potatoes are expensive, and sometimes we do not have any for months. Rice is the staple vegetable, and we have sweet potatoes, though not so nice as those at home. Oranges and bananas, lemons and pineapples, etc., abound; but I miss apples ever so much. Nearly all kinds of ordinary vegetables can be raised, with care. Corn is a staple product. Our boys have corn-meal mush for breakfast and supper,

with one tablespoon of sugar each to sweeten it. For dinner they have rice and meat twice a week, or beans, or green corn, or hominy, or some native food. They sit at long tables, have tablecloths, crockery plates, iron cups enameled inside; also water pitchers and spoons. The food is brought to the table in large tin dishes, and served with ladles, etc. The boys who are prompt at the beginning of the term sleep on iron bedsteads on mattresses filled with dried grass, and pillows made of sugar sacks filled with grass. Those who are tardy have to sleep on mats on the floor, or pay two shillings and sixpence for a bedstead. Each furnishes his own blankets, and the school furnishes his sheets, pillowcases, and towel. They are all required to go to the river for a daily bath.

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## THE WORK OF THE BOARD AND WOMEN OF MEANS.

BY MRS. JAMES GIBSON JOHNSON.

A CERTAIN missionary society, auxiliary to the W. B. M. I., had moved on for six years with a uniform flow from its treasury into the coffers of the Woman's Board. "It is strange how little our contributions vary, and how few changes come into our membership," read the secretary of the society from her annual report. "Occasionally a newcomer into the church looks in upon us to see what is going on. If she is not nailed then and there she seldom comes again; but if she comes two or three times we exult over her as one of ourselves, though we often have to look after her as carefully as if she were a feeble voter to be carried to the polls."

The president of the society was an optimist. "I think that for our numbers we make a very good showing," she remarked, after the reading of the reports. "It is a good deal to hold our own in these hard times, and as we are few in number, our gift will have the blessing which the widow's mite received. The secretary will now read us a new leaflet entitled, 'The Last Nickel; or, Sarah's Self-denial.'"

"I think I must be excused from reading this to-day," said the secretary; "it comes too near home, for a dear old friend I have just been to see has almost broken my heart by her self-sacrifice to any cause she thinks is Christ's. It would be like reading for entertainment a sketch of the sufferings of a friend. I think we have read enough about such people, and fallen back too much on the poor widow in the Bible, who has been made accountable for enough meannesses already. There were other givers in the Bible more blessed with worldly goods; let us look them up a little, and let us look up their representatives in our own church."

“But one such woman with her heart in her work could do great things for us,” said the treasurer. “It is by littles the large sums collect that keep all Christian forces in the world at work. People of wealth will form syndicates to increase their wealth or pleasure. A rich firm sends out a Stanley, but it does not support a Mackey. Wealth floods Africa with New England rum; but will it distribute Bibles or teachers in the Dark Continent?”

“Perhaps it is doing more of the missionary work than we imagine,” remarked another lady. “Men and women of wealth are growing sensitive as to their responsibility in the use of it. The needs of the world are being laid bare, and money was never spent so freely for reforms and benevolent enterprises as now, and in increasing ratio. This is the time to show that our foreign missionary work aims to bring these reforms into the lives of those we work for; that we are using the very methods which rich and influential people are interested in. A rich woman may refuse to give to foreign missions because she misconceives them, but she loves the kindergarten work, and would come to a meeting to hear of its progress, and perhaps would support one of its schools in Turkey or elsewhere.”

“The term ‘foreign missions’ seems to repel some people,” spoke up a young lady. “I have two prejudiced friends—rich women—who told me never to ask them to these meetings. I believe some one had tried to set their duty before them in a way they did not like. They say, ‘I believe in them for my mother’s sake, because she did before me.’”

“I wish all fathers and mothers had believed in them,” said a dear old lady. “That would mean generations of givers.”

Perhaps the ladies whom our young friend speaks of are probably intelligent women with many demands upon their purses. They do not wish to be dictated to as to what calls are most important; they must see for themselves. God’s causes are many. He may use these friends for other important needs. It shows that we cannot afford to risk inadequate presentation of this missionary work. Let us look up winsome and wise representatives, as well as earnest ones, to plead this cause. Thoreau says that neither men nor things have any true mode of invitation but to be inviting. Mrs. Ballington Booth has won many friends and rich gifts for the Salvation Army by her attractive personality, her earnest, devoted life, and eloquent words. Mr. Moody knows how to ask, and he knows where the people of means are; he can lay his hand upon them. Cannot we look them up in our church and denomination?

“The hour is long past,” said the president, rising. “If I take the sense of this meeting aright, it is that while still receiving with gratitude widows’ mites and all littles, we make an effort to find out and interest women of

means ; that we secure gifted, intelligent pleaders for our cause ; and that we have the best of literature and live meetings. We can then appeal with more chance of success to a growing sense of responsibility, to a love of benevolent enterprises, and to whatever works for righteousness ; to patriotism, for we are trying to purify the sources of streams that threaten to overflow our land ; and to a desire to do the will of God."

"May I read," said the secretary, "one beautiful sentence from 'Drummond's Ascent of Man'? 'Each worker toiled in his own little place. . . . Suddenly these workers looked up ; they spoke to one another. . . . Henceforth their work was one, the world was one, and mind, which had discovered the oneness, was one.' The thought is inspiring. It points to a time when all workers for better things will know themselves and each other as working for a common object. Intensity will no more take on forms of narrowness ; ignorance will disappear in the light of a larger knowledge. Then our beloved work will make its irresistible appeal to those who can respond with the gold of Sheba as well as with the widow's mite. Remember, gold is mentioned in the prophecy before prayer, which will surely follow : 'To Him shall be given of the gold ; prayer also shall be made continually.'"

The meeting closed with singing :—

"Kings shall bow down before Him,  
 And gold and incense bring ;  
 All nations shall adore Him,  
 His praise all people sing.  
 With offerings of devotion  
 Ships from the isles shall meet,  
 To pour the wealth of ocean  
 In tribute at His feet.

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## THE BIBLE WOMAN'S TRAINING INSTITUTION.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF MISS EVA M. SWIFT.

MADURA, Sept. 12, 1894.

THE work of the school progresses,—not upon a large scale as to numbers, but in such ways as are possible to us. The necessity of choosing older women will for some time to come keep our numbers down, and the educational standard is, for the same reason, lower than I could wish. The class taking the whole course numbers thirteen ; but besides these students I have twenty-eight Bible women regularly employed, thirteen in the city and fifteen in the villages. Eight of the latter live in or near the city, and go out



to the villages daily. As so large a number of workers are near, I have, since the opening of the school in December, 1892, given them the privilege of attendance upon the classes; hence for at least one hour a day we have a class of more than thirty women, and a very pleasant sight it is. On June 1st we moved into two rooms kindly given us by Dr. Van Allen in the upper story of the Woman's Hospital. I divided the class into first and second years' classes. This division had not been possible before, owing to lack of room for conducting two classes, and also to the fact that no suitable assistant had been found; but I have now the assistance of an excellent Bible teacher in Mr. David, whom Mr. Perkins kindly gave up for this work. We have made some additions to our curriculum, and shall add from time to time such studies or make such changes as experience proves useful or desirable. All of these students are actively engaged in a variety of work,—house-to-house visitation, prayer meetings for women, Sunday-school work, evangelistic work on special feast days among the large crowds that assemble at stated places, street preaching on any occasion that serves, etc., etc. Almost every visit to the house of a pupil is made the occasion of a direct address to the gathered company, so that all these women are in a very special sense evangelists. I feel that I cannot speak too highly of the faithfulness and efficiency of most of them, too glowingly of the immense field for usefulness opening before them. Five years ago it would not have been possible for these women to have mingled with the crowds on festival days and speak to them of Christ and his salvation; but now hundreds of men and women give a respectful hearing to their message, and not infrequently will ask to hear more. I say hundreds without the least fear of exaggeration. There is nothing at home to compare with the extent of the opportunities before these women every day, and, so far as I know, nothing to compare with it in any other country. The immobility of the Hindu is a marvel, but I think that Dr. Pentecost's impression that hundreds of those Hindus outwardly are Christians, inwardly assumes the form of a conviction in the minds of those more closely associated with the people; and this fact is what gives to Bible woman's work its special significance and importance, which are far above any estimate which can be formed from noting the number of public confessions. The work is being done in the simplest and most unassuming way by humble women, but the glowing appreciation of their work is shown by the fact that for many months I have rarely heard a sermon or a prayer, or a report in ordinary service or special meetings, that did not contain some allusion to the work of the Bible women, and native pastors and catechists as well as our brother missionaries join in kind and appreciative words.

I think I wrote you of our missionary meetings, which look forward to an advance in interesting the churches in securing Bible women of their own. Three women in Madura are being supported by the churches, and we have money on hand for a fourth, and a small beginning for a fifth. A woman in Pasumalai works in connection with the church there, and I have recently heard from several native pastors that they hope their churches will be able to do something toward the support of a woman. Indeed, I feel sure that every church would be glad to have such assistance, but the question of support seems a difficult one. I believe, however, we are going to solve that for them by organizing auxiliary missionary societies through the district and inducing the many to give their little, and before many years we will see a number of Bible women, as well as pastors, supported by the people. To this end I hope to conduct a special meeting while our agents are in for the September meeting, which begins September 18th. Not a few Hindu women are sending me monthly contributions while they themselves do not dare to come openly to visit me.

I have lately started a new movement, which I trust will be of use in another direction. The secret disciple is an anomaly, and the problem of our situation is a very difficult one. There can be no rounded Christian life hidden away in a zenana with Christ unconfessed, while there may be the faith which our merciful Lord will accept. But how to get these women into church relations, or how to teach them the simplest forms of Christian worship when they have never seen a Christian gathering, is a perplexing problem. With the idea of breaking down the exclusiveness which keeps one Hindu from joining with another in a religious service, I am trying to establish cottage meetings in heathen houses where we have one or more pupils who, we think, are believers. Then to get the other women in the neighborhood to come in and join will be the next step. Then to have such an order of service as shall oblige these women to take part in the exercises themselves, instead of sitting by while the Bible women talk, and read, and pray, and sing. Could we get a few—three or four or more—together for simple Christian worship in this way, the step from this into the church will be far less formidable than it now appears to be. This seems very simple, and you may wonder that I should consider it worth mentioning, but I assure you that under these conditions it will be a most difficult thing; and if we succeed in our effort, it may even yet create a deal of persecution from the “men folks,” of whom these Hindu women stand in terror. I wonder how many of our professing Christian American women would attend a cottage meeting or a church service, if they were perfectly sure of a merciless beating and a thousand petty persecutions from those in whose power they live?

I mention this new work, hoping the friends at the Rooms may ask God's blessing upon it. Trusting that all these efforts may find their fruitage in life and service for Christ among those who now know him not, I am the more anxious that we should have the house we need for a center. But I must wait patiently for this as for other things we need still more.

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## EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF MISS SUSAN A. SEARLE.

Kobe, Japan, Oct. 27, 1894.

DEAR MRS. WILLCOX: Since the letter I wrote describing the dedication and my report for the year ending April 1st, I have not written much. Dr. Holbrook's absence during the spring term left heavier burdens for us who stayed, though Miss Clara Brown came to our assistance, and took her class work. Miss Kent has been ill since the middle of July, and though I have not had the care of her, except for a few days, her illness has not made things easier. She is staying now with Mr. and Mrs. Hill, because it is more quiet there than at the school, and I see her every day. She is gaining, and is able to go down stairs to her meals a part of the time, so we hope she will be ready for work after the holidays. Mr. Allchin and Miss Torrey kindly come from Osaka every week to give assistance in the music, and in that way we are able to give the girls a part of what they should have this term. But the advance and systemization Miss Kent was planning for the fall term in our beautiful new building, is not being carried out at all. Perhaps our pride needed a fall, but we are all much disappointed.

However, that cannot hinder us from enjoying the comfort of the building. Dr. Holbrook is back and at work again, and that makes matters look brighter. The school is somewhat smaller than last year, partly, no doubt, owing to the war, but other causes are working against us. The school is "too foreign" for some of our Japanese friends, and I think that is the reason for the small numbers, though the school in Osaka, which makes quite a point of being purely Japanese just now, is also smaller than last year. We graduated the largest class in school from the academic department last summer, and as few of them have come back for the college course, we feel the loss.

I am specially pleased this fall with the spirit of some of the teachers and others about money matters. Two of the teachers have offered to take extra work without extra pay, knowing that money was scarce. Two others, who were doing a little less work than usual, offered to give back a part of their salaries, saying we had paid them too much. This morning one of the assistant teachers who graduated from the college course last summer, said to me that she had received so much help from the school that she wished, in turn, to help some other needy student, so she would like to give one tenth of her salary every month for that purpose. She said her classmate felt in the same way; so they are going to help a girl who could not otherwise come into the school.

Another thing which touched me very much occurred the other day. A former pupil wrote to me that her conscience had troubled her for some time on a point which she wanted to confess. Three or four years ago her class was studying algebra with me. I had asked them to see if they could work all the examples on a certain page alone. She happened to overhear another girl say that one of them could not be worked without extracting the cube root. Acting on that hint, which she is not sure she would have thought of herself, she worked the example, and handed it in without telling me of the hint she had accidentally received. But her conscience would not let her rest without confession, though at the time she thought little about it. Oh, Mrs. Willcox, it does pay to work for these girls!

I have just been reading over again your letter received so long ago. I want to thank you especially for the assurance of your prayers. We have felt the comfort of them many times.

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## Home Department.

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### STUDIES IN MISSIONS.

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#### PLAN OF LESSONS.

1895.

*January.*—Children's Work.

*February.*—The Work of Woman's Boards.

*March.*—Bright Bits of History in Turkey.

*April.*—Miss Maria West.

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### CHILDREN'S WORK.

*Its Importance:* This branch of the work is of supreme importance, both with reference to its influence upon the children themselves, and the future of the missionary work for which they are now in training. We ask the senior societies to give it their careful attention, and devote the January meeting to prayer for its enlargement, at home and abroad. *Mission Studies* for January contains a stimulating paper by Mrs. H. B. Humphrey on this theme.

*What is the Aim of the Children of the Interior?* Their aim, and course of study, may be found in the Children's Department of the *Mission Studies*.

*State some of the Results of their Work.*

*How many of the Churches of the Interior have Children's Missionary Organizations?*

*What Advantage has the Mission Band over other forms of organization?*



*How can the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor be Organized for Missionary Work?*

*How can the Work of the Band and that of the Junior C. E. be Harmonized?*

How can Children best be Trained to Give?

*Some Available Helps.*

Various papers and suggestions will be given in the January *Mission Studies* on all these topics.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

MRS. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 18 TO 26, 1894.

ILLINOIS.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. Aurora, First Ch., 3; Big Rock, Mrs. M. Fox, 2; Chicago, Lake View, Ch. of the Redeemer, 9, Kenwood, Ev. Ch., 197.86, Lincoln Park Ch., 34, New England Ch., 28, Mrs. B., 50 cts., Plymouth Ch., 75.95, Mrs. J., 1, South Ch., 179.25, Union Park Ch., 193.20; Emington, 1; Englewood, Trinity Ch., 4.18; Evanston, 83.74; Forrest, 2.25; Glen Ellyn, 5; Glencoe, 1; Griggsville, 3; Hamilton, 1, Mrs. G., 2, Mrs. F., 3; Geneva, 22.35; Joy Prairie, 5; Loda, to const. Mrs. Hattie Curtiss L. M., 40; Marseilles, 64.30; Oak Park, 15; Princeton, 10; Rollo, 7; Rogers Park, 7; Rockford, Second Ch., 1; Roscoe, 9; Sandwich, 7.25; Stark, 6.25; Western Springs, 16,	1,036 88
JUNIOR: Chicago, Union Park Ch., Miss J. T. Martin, 5; Englewood, Pilgrim Ch., 41.42; Lake Forest, "A Builder," 1.50; Ontario, Willing Workers, 5; Pittsfield, Rose Miss'y Soc., 11,	63 92
JUVENILE: Chicago, Lake View, Ch. of the Redeemer, 3, Warren Ave. Ch., 15.89; Glencoe, Opportunity Club, 20.43,	39 32
C. E.: Cobden, 2.25; New Windsor, 5; Chicago, Kenwood Ev. Ch., 25; Warren Ave. Ch., 100,	132 25
JUNIOR C. E.: Abingdon, 12; Huntley, 23.85; Loda, 6; La Grange, 4; Summerdale, 1.61,	47 46
THANK OFFERINGS: AVON, 4.80; Chicago, S. Pollock, 3, Covenant Ch., 21, Lake View, Ch. of the Redeemer, Mission Band, 10, Plymouth Ch. of wh. 15 Mrs. A. P. C., 19, South Ch., 100, Union Park Ch., Y. L. Soc., add'l, 4, Warren Ave. Ch., Mission Band, 2.28; Forrest, 6.65; Ottawa, add'l, 5; Port Byron, 4; Rollo, 20; Rogers Park, 18.75,	218 48
Total,	1,538 31

INDIANA.

BRANCH.—Miss M. E. Perry, of Indianapolis, Treas. Fort Recovery, 5; Fort Wayne, 2.55; Hobart, 3; Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., 71, Plymouth Ch., 11, People's Ch., 5; Kokomo, 30; Ontario, 1.54; Porter, 1,	130 09
JUNIOR: Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., Y. P. Soc., 2, Plymouth Ch., King's Daughters, 5; Kokomo, Y. P. S. C. E., 10; Whiting, C. E., 5,	22 00

JUVENILE: Hobart, S. S., 1, Junior C. E., 1,	2 00
Proceeds from Miss Wright's tour,	33 27
Total,	187 36
SECOND REPORT.	
BRANCH.—Anderson, 2; Andrews, 3; Angola, 5; Elkart, 16.08; Macksville, 70 cts.; Porter, Ladies' Aid Soc., 2; South Vigo, 3.54; Terre Haute, First Ch., 8.70, Second Ch., 2.73,	43 75
JUNIOR: Terre Haute, Opportunity Club,	5 30
JUVENILE: Angola, S. S., 1.24; Elkhart, Birthday Box, 3.65; Annie L. Horn, Mission Band, 4; Lake, S. S., 2; Lake Gage, Busy Bees, 1; South Vigo, 3; Terre Haute, First Ch., S. S., 28. Warren Keys, 5, Helen Cooper, 50 cts., Jun. C. E., 10,	58 39
Total,	107 44

IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rev. of Grinnell, Treas. Bear Grove, 8.75; Burlington, 19.50; Cedar Rapids, 1.35; Chester Center, 3.80; Dinsdale, 5.50; Fort Dodge, 10.35; Grinnell, 3.50; Humboldt, 5; Keokuk, 40; Le Mars, 12.93; Lyons, 16.65; Miles, 6; Mondamin, 2; Nashua, 3.70; Ogden, 1; Onawa, 8.52; Sibley, 16.32; Traer, 51.55, a Friend, 3,	219 42
JUNIOR: Muscatine,	2 15
C. E.: Council Bluffs, 5; Traer, 75 cts.,	5 75
JUVENILE: Cedar Rapids, Busy Bees, 1.75, Grinnell, Busy Bees, W. Br., 3.65; Traer, Coral Workers, 4.70; Wayne, M. B., 1,	11 10
JUNIOR C. E.: Mountour,	5 00
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Grinnell,	24 71
THANK OFFERINGS: Burlington, 27.50; Lyons, 21.10; Ogden, 2.70; Onawa, 28.13, S. S., Birthday Boxes, 1.25; Sabula, Mrs. H. H. Wood, 5; Shenandoah, 3.25; Traer, 19,	107 93
Total,	376 06

KANSAS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Coats, of Topeka, Treas. Arkansas City, 4.40; Carson, 3.25; Goshen, 1; Neosha Falls, 2; Topeka, First Ch., 1; Vernon, A. E. W., 5,	16 65
C. E.: Kansas City,	5 50
JUVENILE: Carson,	1 25
Total,	18 40

SECOND REPORT.

BRANCH.—Alma, 5; Centralia, 5; Dover, 5; Garnett, 4.50; Goshen, 10; Hiawatha,
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5; Highland, 5; Irving, 1; Kansas City, 30; Lawrence, 31.47; Leavenworth, 46; Linwood, 2.75; Manhattan, 52.29; Moherson, 1; Ottawa, 18.40; Olathe, 16.38; Oneida, 7; Paolo, 10; Partridge, 3; Plevna, 4.70; Sabetha, 26.50; Sedgwick, 5; Seneca, 12.82; Sterling, 15.60; Topeka, First Ch., 34.61, Central Ch., 13.45; Udall, 7; Wabaunsee, 7.75; Wakarusa Valley, 7; Wellington, 15.73; Wellsville, 5; Western Park, 6; Wichita, Fairmont Ch., 3.95; Central Association Fund, 31,	450 90
JUVENILE: Lawrence, 2.61; Sabetha, 2.09; Sterling, 18.05; Manhattan, 4.10; Partridge, 5,	31 85
C. E.: Kansas City, 15.36; Lawrence, 5; Sabetha, 40; Sunnyside, 3.61,	63 97
JUNIOR C. E.: Kansas City, 5; Sterling, 1.35,	6 35
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Lawrence, Plymouth Ch., Primary Dept., 2.69; Topeka, First Ch., Primary Dept., 5.10, a Friend, Y. P. S. C. E., 3.25,	10 44
	563 51
Less expenses,	8 25
Total (included last month),	555 26

## MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Ann Arbor, 1.10; Allegan, 3.25; Cadillac, 3.70; Columbus, 8; Covert, 3; Detroit, Woodward Ave. Ch., F. D. W. M. U., 60.35; Flint, 19.75; Grand Rapids, South Ch., 7; Greenville, 8.70; Jackson, First Ch., 50; Mattawan, H. M. S., 6.65; Owosso, L. M. U., 30; Port Huron, 13; Stanton, 2.75; South Haven, to const. L. M. Mrs. C. T. Bryant, 25; St. Joseph, 29.50; Wayne, 5, from a Friend, 8,	284 75
JUVENILE: Flint, Children's Soc.,	3 00
THANK OFFERINGS: Church, from a Friend, 25 cts.; Manistee, 49; Owosso, 26.35; Stanton, 18.10,	93 70
Collected by Miss Alice C. Little, of Mironesia: Allegan, 2; Cooper, 4.14; Covert, Mrs. Packard, 3; Hopkins, 4.05; Kalamazoo, 11.11; Lowell, 5; Olivet, 2.57; South Haven, 6.70,	38 57
Total,	420 02

## MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 E. University Ave., St. Paul, Treas. Barnesville, 7.30; Brainerd, 7.20; Dodge Center, 42 cts.; Hartland, 60 cts.; Little Falls, 2.50; Minneapolis, Miss A. E. Harman, 1, Bethany Ch., 7.50, Pilgrim Ch., 7.10; Rose Creek, 61 cts.; St. Charles, 4.20; St. Paul, Pacific Ch., 5, Plymouth Ch., 5; Waseca, 5; Winona, First Ch., 64,	117 43
JUNIOR: Northfield, 25; Winona, First Ch., 5,	30 00
C. E.: Claremont, 50 cts.; Little Falls, 6.50; Lyle, 81 cts.; New Richland, 5,	12 81
JUNIOR C. E.: Minneapolis, Pilgrim Ch., 3.25; St. Paul, 3,	6 25
Total,	166 49

## MISSOURI.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. M. Adams, 4427 Morgan St., St. Louis, Treas. Hannibal, 3.10; Kansas City, First Ch., 9; Lamar, 9.75;
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Springfield, First Ch., 3.05; St. Louis, Compton Hill Ch., 37.50,	62 40
JUNIOR: Kansas City, First Ch., Y. L.,	11 30
Total,	73 70

## MONTANA.

UNION.—Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, of Livingstone, Treas. Missoula,	5 00
Total,	5 00

## NEBRASKA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. H. G. Smith, of Exeter, Treas. Arborville, 6; Ainsworth, 4.01; Ashland, 25.51; Arcadia, 2.89; Bertrand, 5; Blair, 20.64; Crete, 23; Camp Creek, 4; Crawford, 1; Campbell, 52 cts.; Columbus, 17, Rev. A. Rogers, 5; De Witt, 4.50; Exeter, 26.02; Franklin, 9.50; Fremont, 37; Genoa, 5; Holdredge, 3.41; Hastings, 10; Irvington, 5, Mrs. Knight, 1; Indianola, 9.75; Lincoln, First Ch., 20.50, Plymouth Ch., 19, Vine St. Ch., 1.50; Loomis, 1.46; Norfolk, First Ch., 11.50; Nebraska City, 7.50; Neligh, 9.70; Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 13.30, Mrs. Tiffany, 1, First Ch., 63, Hillside Ch., 10; Red Cloud, 4.92; Rising City, 4; Riverton, 3.40; Sutton (O. P. J.), 12.20; Scribner, 6; Trenton, 2.92; Urbana, 1.85; West Point, 1.50; Weeping Water, 4.10; Wallace, 4.55; York, 12.63,	442 28
JUNIOR: Franklin, 4.75; Lincoln, Plymouth Ch., 9; Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 25, First Ch., 50; Pierce, 11,	99 75
C. E.: Blair, 7.36; Exeter, 4; Fremont, 12.50; Irvington, 19.77; Lincoln, Plymouth Ch., 5; Norfolk, First Ch., 10,	58 63
JUNIOR C. E.: Columbus, 1; Lincoln, First Ch., 2,	3 00
JUVENILE: Blair, 2; Bladen, 25 cts.; Crawford, 1; Exeter, 1; Norfolk, First Ch., 9.85; Omaha, First Ch., 6; Riverton, 3.15; Wisner, 4,	27 25
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Arborville, 3.50; Bisbee, 15; Omaha, Pilgrim Miss. S. S., 1.76,	20 26
	651 17
Less expenses,	45 00
Total (included last month),	606 17

## OHIO.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Alexis, Mite-box Soc., 2.94; Ashtabula (part of wh. in memory of little Grace), 18; Berea, 1.45; Bristolville, 50 cts.; Brooklyn, 1.40; Brownhelm, 12; Chester, 7.25; Cleveland, Franklin Ave. Ch., 13, Mt. Zion Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 22; Hampden, 1.04; No. Amherst, 5; No. Bloomfield, 5; No. Monroeville, 12; Oberlin, Miss R. Elizabeth Pratt, 25; Toledo, Central Ch., 7; Wellington, 11.85,	155 43
JUNIOR: Lyme, 20; Mt. Vernon, 14,	34 00
C. E.: Columbus, Plymouth Ch., 5; Newark, 2; Wakeman, 2.50,	9 50
JUVENILE: Cortland, Laurel Band, 2.78; Lexington, 5,	7 78
THANK OFFERINGS: Alexis, Mite-box Soc., 1.50; Berea, 13.55; Edinburg, 5; Toledo, Central Ch., 9.31; Wellington, 75.18; Painesville, Y. L. M. S., 7.50,	112 04
Total,	318 75

ROCKY MOUNTAIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Burwell, of Denver, Treas. Boulder, 15; Buena Vista, to const. Mrs. Louis R. Slater L. M., 25; Colorado Springs, First Ch., 33.91, Second Ch., 6; Crested Butte, 20; Denver, Second Ch., 5, So. Broadway, 7, Boulevard Ch., 70 cts., to const. Mrs. Anna Nock L. M., 25, Third Ch., 16, Plymouth Ch., 83.90, North Ch., 3.41; Golden, Jessie Hesse, 2; Longmont, 10; Pueblo, First Ch., 15, Pilgrim Ch., 3.10; Whitewater, 2.90, 273 92	
JUNIOR: Denver, First Ch., C. E., to const. Martha A. Morrison L. M., 25; Highland Lake, S. S., 3.30; Longmont, S. S., 10, 38 30	
JUVENILE: Denver, Boulevard Ch., Miss. Band, Busy Bees, 3.05, So. Broadway Ch., Jun. C. E., 5.80, Plymouth Ch., Miss. Band, 3; Whitewater, Miss. Band, 1.65, 13 50	
Total,	325 72

SOUTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Huron, 20 00	
JUVENILE: Armour, Sunshine Band, 2 00	
Total,	22 00

WISCONSIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. Clintonville, 1.50; Footville, 2.50; Menomonee, 5; River Falls, 13.15; Stoughton, 2; Roberts, 2.60; New Richmond, 1.25; Necedah, 5, 33 00	
JUNIOR: Burlington, 35 cts., Edgerton, 2.35; River Falls, 13.15; Stoughton, 2; Viroqua, C. E., 1.72; Waukesha, 6, 25 57	
JUVENILE: Beloit, Mrs. M. M. Green, 1; Brandon, 1.80; River Falls, 13.15, 15 95	

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 26

ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. Canton, to const. Mrs. Alice Abbott L. M., 25; Chicago, Bethany Ch., 14, Douglass Park Ch., 6.58, Forrestville Ch., 11.84, Millard Ave. Ch., 5, Union Park Ch., 25; Decatur, 5; Dover, 10; Eola, Big Woods Miss. Soc., 15; Elgin, 15; Garden Prairie, 4.93; Granville, 11.70; Griggsville, 2; Hinsdale, 31; Lyndon, 10; Naperville, 3.30; Onarga, Second Ch., 2.25; Peoria, First Ch., 16.03; Poplar Grove, 3.70; Shabbona, 13.75; Udina, 4.30; Wyandot, 3.70, 239 08	
JUNIOR: Evanston, 72.50; Illini, const. Mary Hall L. M., 25; Rosemond, 3.86, 101 36	
JUVENILE: Chicago, Millard Ave. Ch., 4.04; Galesburg, Old First Ch., 17.48; Shabbona, Silver Leaf Soc., 50 cts., 22 02	
C. E.: Sandoval, 50	
JUNIOR C. E.: Chandlerville, 5; Greenville, 6; Jacksonville, 5; Naperville, 3, 19 00	
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Chicago, Leavitt St. Ch., Primary Cl., 5.32; Rockford, Second Ch., 20, 25 32	
THANK OFFERINGS: Chicago, Forrestville Ch., 25 02, South Ch., add'l, 10; Dover, add'l, 75 cts.; Evanston, Y. L. Soc., 22.50; Kewanee, 12; Peoria, First Ch., const. Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Mercer, L. M.'s, 58.97, 129 24	
FOR THE DEBT: Chicago, Forrestville Ch., Mrs. C., 5, Plymouth Ch., Mrs. C., 5, Miss D., 6, Union Park Ch., Mrs. L. N. C., 15, 31 00	
FOR THE DEBT: Collection at 26th Annual	

Per Miss Little: Edgerton, 4.25; Evansville, 75 cts., Mrs. Coburn, for Wisconsin, 2.90, 7 90	
Less expenses,	1 44
Total,	82 42
Total,	80 98
ALABAMA.	
Jenifer.—Misses M. J. and E. M. Smith, 5 00	
Total,	5 00
CHINA.	
Family of a returned missionary, Thank Off., 50 00	
Pang-Chuang.—Misses Wyckoff, Thank Off., 10 00	
Total,	60 00
CONNECTICUT.	
Black Rock.—Y. P. S. C. E., 5 00	
Total,	5 00
IDAHO.	
Boise City.—Aux., 10 00	
Total,	10 00
MICRONESIA.	
Miss Alice C. Little, to const. L. M. Miss Dorothy Garland, 25, 25 00	
Ponape.—Miss J. Estelle Fletcher, 6 00	
Total,	31 00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Sale of key badges, 4; calendars, 6.50; cash, 11.07, 21 57	
Receipts for month, 3,772 80	
Previously acknowledged, 61,416 29	
Total for year ending Oct. 27, 1894,	\$65,189 09

TO NOVEMBER 18, 1894.

Meeting at Plymouth Ch., Chicago, November 1st, 297 29	
Total,	864 81
INDIANA.	
BRANCH.—Miss M. E. Perry, of Indianapolis, Treas. Marion, 3 00	
C. E.: Hobart, 2.50; Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., 5.13, 7 63	
Total,	10 63
IOWA.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rew, of Grinnell, Treas. Blairstown, Mrs. J. F. French, 1; Cedar Rapids, 1.10; Charles City, 2; Davenport, 5.50; Des Moines, North Park Ch., 25 cts., Grinnell, 15.85; Magnolia, 2.75; Mortimer, 5; New York, Mrs. H. L. Burton, 10; Pilgrim, 3; Riceville, 5; Winthrop, 5, 56 45	
JUNIOR: Clay, 2.40; Council Bluffs, Junior Guild, 2; Grinnell, Iowa College, Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., 4.15, 8 55	
C. E.: Cresco, 3 00	
JUVENILE: Cedar Rapids, Busy Bees, 1 00	
THANK OFFERINGS: Davenport, 1.50; Eldon, 1.45; Grinnell, Mrs. Arnold, 5; Webster City, 2, 9 95	
Total,	78 95
CORRECTION.—In October report Council Bluffs, Aux., should be credited with 22.25, instead of 23.25, and Mondamin with 1.	



## KANSAS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Coats, of Topeka, Treas. Burlington, 3.75; Eureka, 18.61; Louisville, 3; Topeka, Central Ch., 8.30,	33 66
JUVENILE: Maple Hill,	8 25
	41 91
Less expenses,	13 50
Total,	28 41

## MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Calumet, 20; Detroit, First Ch., a bequest from the late Mrs. Curtiss for L. M. Miss Harriet L. Curtiss, 25; Edmore, 1; Flint, 4.29; Grand Rapids, Park Ch., a special gift from a Friend, 50, First Ch., 150.71; Ludington, 13.96; Pontiac, 5.40; St. Clair, 40; Reed City, 3.65,	314 01
JUNIOR: Ann Arbor, C. E., 15.39; Detroit, Woodward Ave. Ch., 26.66; Pontiac, 10; St. Clair, C. E., 11,	63 05
JUVENILE: Reed City, Cheerful Workers, THANK OFFERINGS: Flint, 16.25; Manistee, 5.25; Reed City, 10; Stanton, Y. L., 3.50,	35 00
Total,	413 06

## MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 E. University Ave., St. Paul, Treas. Cottage Grove, 7.50; Dexter, 1.12; Faribault, 23.75; Grand Meadow, 76 cts.; Madison, 1.08; Mantorville, 50 cts.; Mazeppa, 2.95; Minneapolis, First Ch., 14.80, Mrs. L. T. Scriver, 12.50, Lowry Hill Ch., 19.44; Lyndale Ch., 2.43, Silver Lake Ch., 12.40; Northfield, 56.05; Plainview, 75 cts.; Rochester, 3 33; Stewartville, 47 cts.; St. Paul, Park Ch., a Friend, 40; Taopi, 1.41; Winona, First Ch., 5.60; Zumbro Falls, 1.50,	208 34
JUNIOR: Northfield,	9 35
C. E.: Minneapolis, Bethany Ch., 3.10; Northfield, 35.48; West Duluth, Plymouth Ch., 12.50,	51 08
JUVENILE: New Ulm, Wide Awake M. B.,	5 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Zumbrota,	5 00
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., Junior Dept., 55, Silver Lake Ch., 3.74,	58 74
THANK OFFERINGS: Moorhead, Friend, 25; New Ulm, Aux., 8, Wide Awake M. B., 2,	35 00
	372 51
Less expenses,	34 32
Total,	338 19

## MISSOURI.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. M. Adams, 4427 Morgan St., St. Louis, Treas. Brookfield, 5; Kansas City, Southwest Tabernacle Ch., 5; Silver Springs, Ark., Mrs. and Miss Bailey, Thank Off., 5; St. Louis, First Ch., Legacy from Mr. Platt, 80, Pilgrim Ch., Thank Off., 104.50, Central Ch., 7.65,	207 15
JUNIOR: Kansas City, Olivet Ch., C. E.,	2 50
JUVENILE: Kansas City, Olivet Ch., Jun. C. E.,	2 50
Total,	212 15

## NORTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. G. L. O'Neale, of Buxton, Treas. Ladies of Grafton Ch., 2.50; Fargo, First Ch., 8.46; Harwood, 4.58,	15 54
C. E.: Carrington,	10 00
JUVENILE: Mayville, Coral Workers,	9 99
Total,	35 53

## OHIO.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Akron, First Ch., 20; Cleveland, Euclid Ave. Ch., 20, Hough Ave. Ch., 2.25, Mrs. M. E. Erwin, 5; Kelloggsville, 5.50; Lindenville, 3; New London, 7.55; North Ridgeville, Mrs. M. J. Seelye, 9; Oberlin, 60; Penfield, 2; Ravenna, 35; Sullivan, Mrs. M. E. Ingraham, 3,	172 30
JUNIOR: Marysville,	7 25
C. E.: Austinburg, 5; New Oberlin, 3; Ravenna, 3.67,	11 67
JUVENILE: Marysville, Willing Workers, 2.51; Painesville, C. M. C., 3.50,	6 01
JUNIOR C. E.: Ravenna,	54
THANK OFFERINGS: Cleveland, Hough Ave. Ch., 7.10; Conneaut, 5; Painesville, C. M. C., 1.50; Tallmadge, 23.70,	37 30
FOR THE DEBT: North Ridgeville, Mrs. M. J. Seelye,	1 00
COLLECTION: At Annual Meeting,	8 13
Sale of salt spoon,	5 00
SPECIAL: Toledo, First Ch.,	11 00
	260 20
Less expenses,	36 15
Total,	224 05

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Earlville, Mrs. Zook, 1; Henry, 2.54; Webster, Miss Dickenson, 1,	4 54
From a Friend,	20 00
JUNIOR: Sioux Falls, King's Daughters,	6 00
FOR THE DEBT: Oahe,	5 00
Total,	35 54

## WISCONSIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. Arena, Second Ch., 3.70; Durand, 7.20; Delavan, 14.25; Grand Rapids and Centralia, 13; Koshkonong, 13; Platteville, Mrs. Beardsley, Birthday Gift, 1; Union Grove, 10; Waupun, 20.20; Whitewater, 3.05,	85 40
FOR THE DEBT: Beloit, Second Ch., 7; Delavan, 12; Evansville, 2,	21 00
SPECIAL: Endeavor, Mrs. Child, 5.56; Milwaukee, Mrs. S. N. Millard, 5; Rosendale, a Friend, 5,	15 56
JUVENILE: Eau Claire, Jun. C. E., 10; Waupun, M. S. Band, 1,	11 00
	132 96
Less expenses,	13 24
Total,	119 72

## MICRONESIA.

Miss Alice C. Little, const. L. M. Miss Eleanor Eva Walkup,	25 00
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, 17.45; envelopes, 3.32; boxes, 9.90; articles donated, 1,	31 67
Receipts since Oct. 26, 1894,	\$2,417 71
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